KEN INGER

POW WOW '79

Ken-
Ito been a
long time since
we were friends, and
I'm glad we are now. S.H.
in Rivers class was great this
year. When we ~~worked~~ went to
the library and dipped skool, and
Copenhagen, and now Red Man. This
has been one of my better study Halls ever
though Mrs. Rivers taught it. Remember the
crack in the floor of the Auditorium?! We became
good tobacco friends this year. Good Luck
in Colleges next year and in the future. Have a
wild summer!!

Johnny Curtain

KEN-
ITS BEEN NICE GETING TO KNOW YOU THIS YEAR.
I HOPE THAT THIS SOMMER ~~WILL~~ BRING US EVEN
CLOSER. REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES WE'VE HAD ~~TOGETHER~~
AND HOPE THE FUTURE HAS MANY MORE GOOD TIMES.
SEE YOU THIS SOMMER AND WELL GO 4X4 SOMEWHERE.

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Coming From a Childhood of Dependence

Independence — the state of being on one's own. It started the minute you were born, physically free from your mother, able to live in the outside world.

From then on, your world kept growing larger. Exploring fingers hung on to new objects, such as your teddy bear or your father's finger. Inside your crib, with your parents constantly watching you, you knew you were safe.

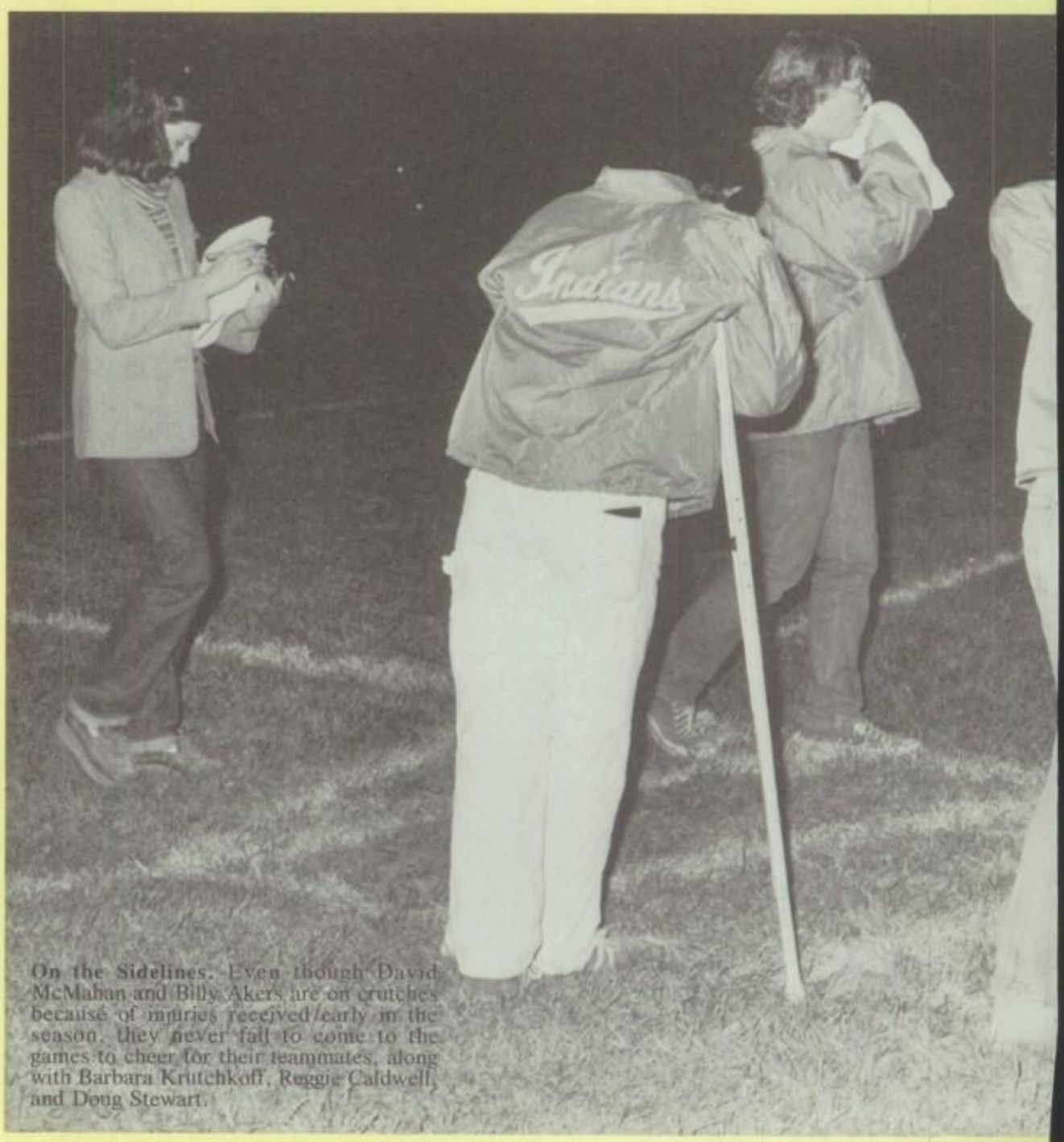
However, the day came when the confines of the crib ceased to interest you, and your attention turned to locked cabinets, blocked stairways, and the soft-looking green stuff that was only visible from the stroller.

Just what was all this secrecy? You were too young to realize that the cabinets contained poisons, the stairways were steep, and the grass was so endless that a small child could easily lose his way. Again your parents looked after your safety, but, by this time, you cared more for adventure than for security.

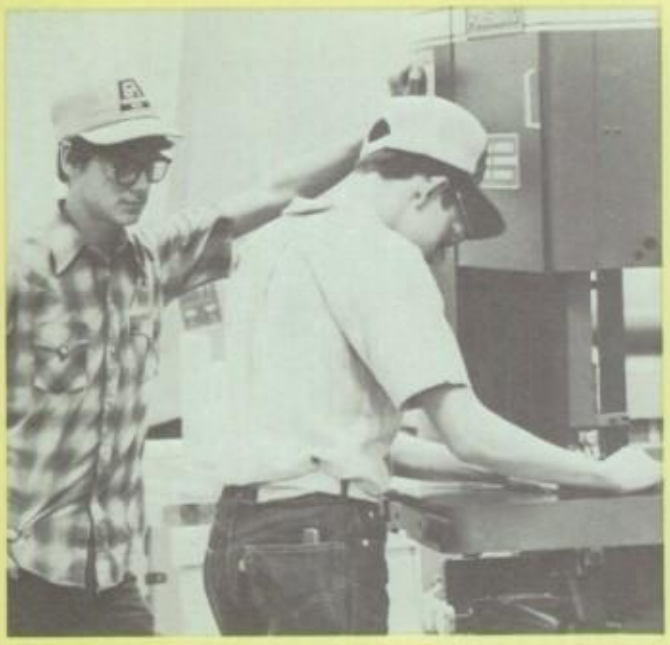
Then, you discovered the world of wheels. Those cute little kiddiecars and tricycles were good for something after all! Now the sidewalks near home were open territory, and, like a pioneer, you went off to discover new sights, completely on your own — that is, until your parents said you had gone far enough. Still, limited independence was better than none at all, even though, at that time, you might have thrown a tantrum to convince everyone of your disagreement.

Finally, you outgrew your little tricycle, and, as if they had read your mind, your parents saw to it that underneath the Christmas tree was a shiny new bicycle. The fact that it had training wheels was not very important. Just having a real two-wheeler was enough to make you feel sufficiently grown up. Now that you had your own "transportation," your parents let you go out to friends' houses and your horizons broadened that much more.

Waiting. Billy Akers, Angie Sheppard, and Melodie Sacco, while waiting in the guidance office to talk to a counselor, leaf through brochures on colleges and careers. Guidance counselors help students decide future plans, as well as schedule classes.



On the Sidelines. Even though David McMahan and Billy Akers are on crutches because of injuries received early in the season, they never fail to come to the games to cheer for their teammates, along with Barbara Krutchkoff, Reggie Caldwell, and Doug Stewart.



Woodwork. Glen Price demonstrates for Mike Price how to cut a piece of wood on the radial arm saw in Mr. Trear's Industrial Arts class.

Control. Sophomore Sandy Collins of the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team keeps the ball under control as she makes a drive for the basket.

Trying to remember. Louis Smith concentrates on remembering what he studied the night before, as he takes a difficult English test.

Relieving the boredom. Debbie King welcomes a distraction from her work when her teacher tells a joke.

Growing Through an Adolesence of Breaking the Ties

All of a sudden, you were thrust into an altogether new way of life called school. That cool building with all the playground equipment turned into a group of classrooms filled with people like yourself, yet totally different. Now you had no mother to cling to, no crib to hide in; and no one would listen when you threw a tantrum to get your own way. You learned to get along with others and quickly found your niche among your peers. Not only that, but, little by little, your major interests turned away from the home, as afternoons with friends and, later, all night parties became more appealing.

As the school years wore on, your parents awarded your "grown up" behavior with new privileges, which brought on responsibilities. Younger brothers and sisters could now be entrusted to your care, curfews were extended, and, perhaps, there was even a small raise in allowance — though not without added chores. Weekend babysitting jobs and paper routes followed soon after. This access to money meant additional freedoms: movies, shopping sprees, and pizza outings with friends — marks of the beginning of teen years.

All your life, you had been dreaming about the time when you could start high school. But when that time arrived, you began to feel a little scared. Would you be "accepted"? Or would you be left out of all the fun activities? Your parents could offer advice, but they could no longer totally control your future experiences.

Once you settled into a routine and again found your niche, you discovered that the teachers demanded much more than you had ever been required to deliver before. Because of this, your time had to be budgeted between school work and extracurricular activities, another

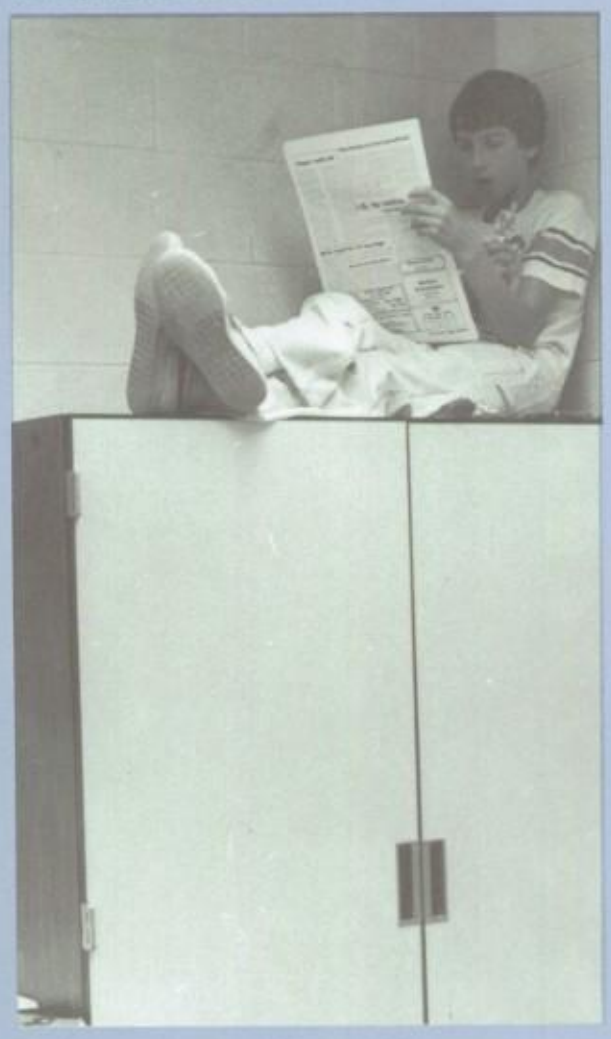
Oh, Say Can You See? Steve Williams, Jimbo Willard, Kris Leighton, Laura Berry, and Laura Salmon line up with the rest of the choir before the Homecoming football game to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner." Madrigals, Concert Choir and Mixed Chorus all participate.

Go Team! Sports at Blacksburg High offer students, who participate, the opportunity to compete with others, to work together as a team, and to have fun. This discarded warm-up jacket symbolizes the wide variety of sports at BHS.

Practical Knowledge. Randy Sult, an auto mechanics student applies the knowledge he has gained in the classroom while working on a car.

Consultation. Eric Wolf consults with Mrs. Abraham, a guidance counselor, about which college he should attend after he graduates.

On Top. As a photographer of the **Tattle Tale,** Mike Richardson looks over the paper with a critical eye while perched on top of a cabinet.



Surveyors. Amy Schmidt and Chris Eiss, both Trig students, use surveying equipment to find the height of the building and the flag pole.

Reaching for a "Life Without Umbrellas"

thing your parents couldn't help you with. Possibly, they complained somewhat if your afterschool business forced them to make continuous trips to pick you up, but the earning of your driver's license put an end to that.

That wonderful piece of paper allowed you more freedom than anything else in your life. Naturally, it also brought more responsibility, but the independence you gained overshadowed paying for gas.

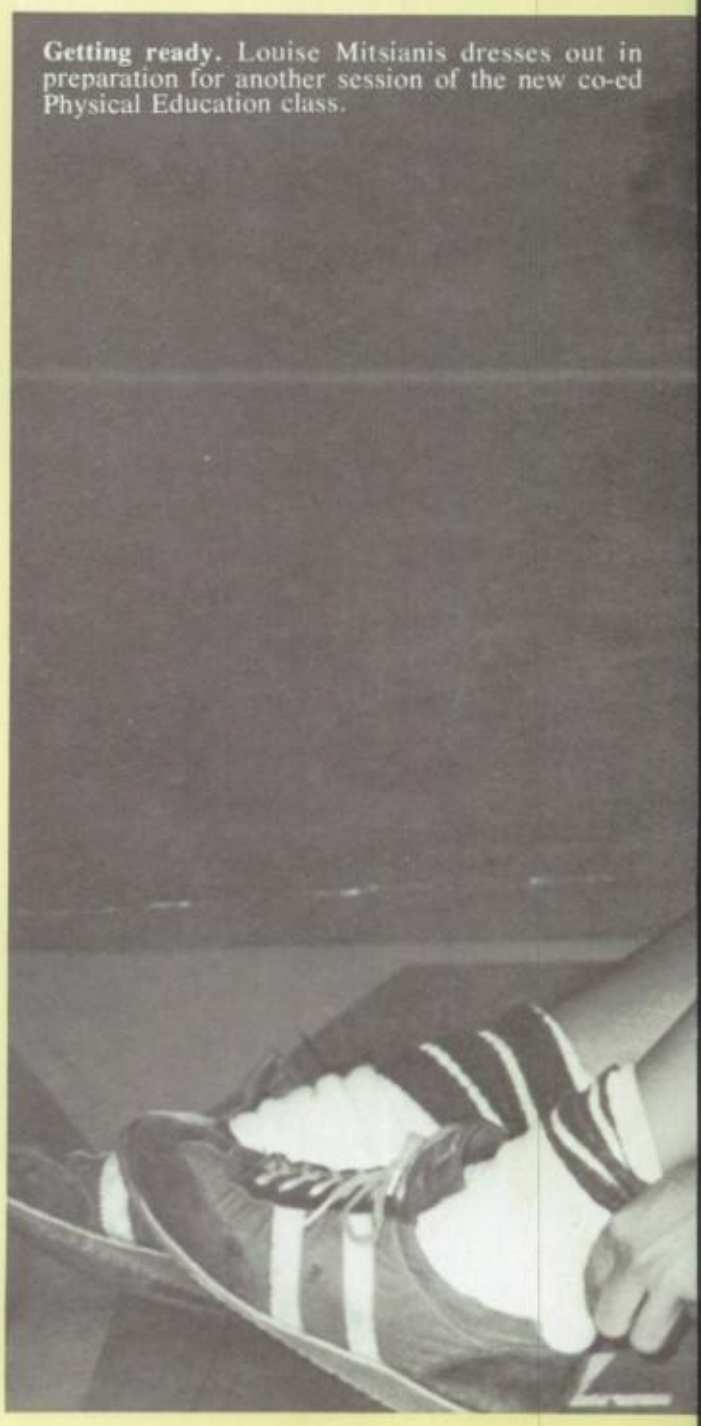
By your junior year, you began to notice that teachers were continually making references to post-secondary education. A lot of this came in the form of dismal forewarnings: "If you think a college professor will coddle you this much, you'd better think again," and so on. But you shrugged off those tidings because whoever thought about college that early? Your junior year was filled with too many other activities.

Sooner or later, though, you had to seriously consider the idea of college and breaking away from home. The letter of acceptance you received filled you with a sense of both security and apprehension. Your immediate future was basically planned, but what could you expect from this strange new place that would be your environment for the next four years? This time you would really be on your own, preparing for your next stage of independence — a life without parental protection — **a life without umbrellas.**

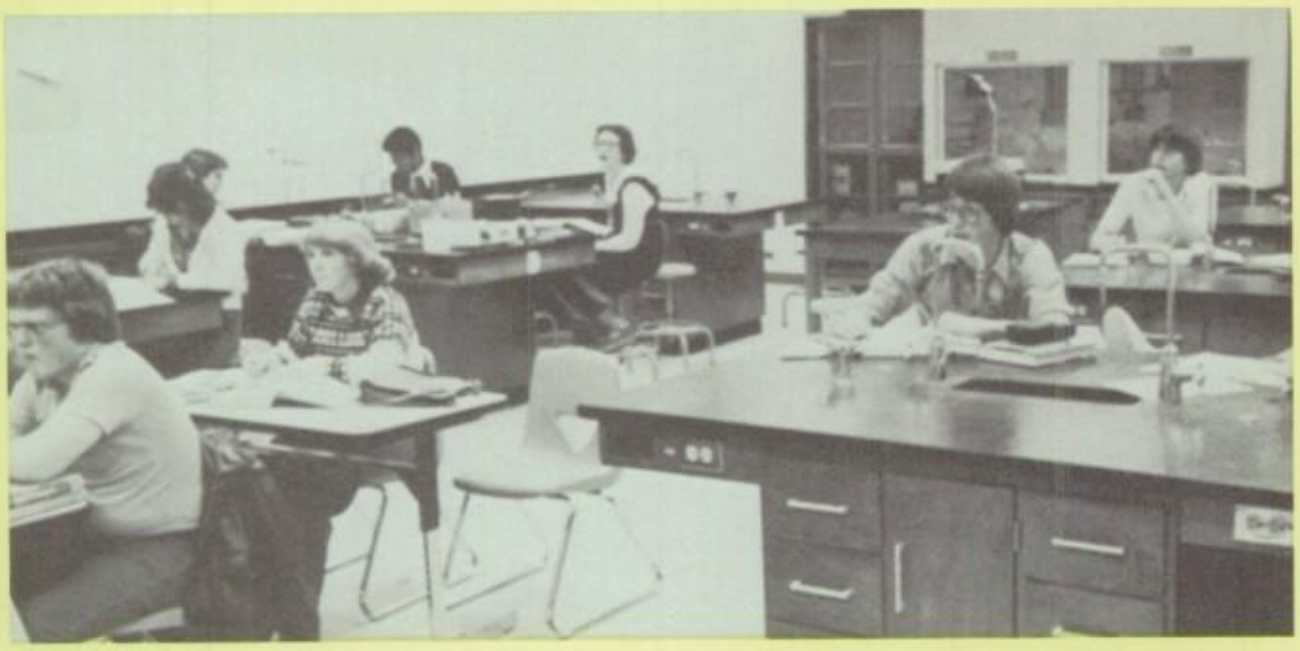
Do we have enough? Judging by the pleased expression on council member Lori Lavery's face, student council candy sales continue to go well.

Crime and Punishment. Orlando Salinas makes the best of his interminable wait in detention — the punishment for too many tardies.

Sharing the good times. At the end of a long day, Wendy Slate and Henrika Dyck share the more humorous moments of their day.



Getting ready. Louise Mitsianis dresses out in preparation for another session of the new co-ed Physical Education class.



Never add water to acid. Mrs. Grady's seventh period chemistry class listens patiently to instructions concerning its impending lab. Safety is always stressed, and before the lab begins each student will be required to don a pair of safety goggles and an apron.

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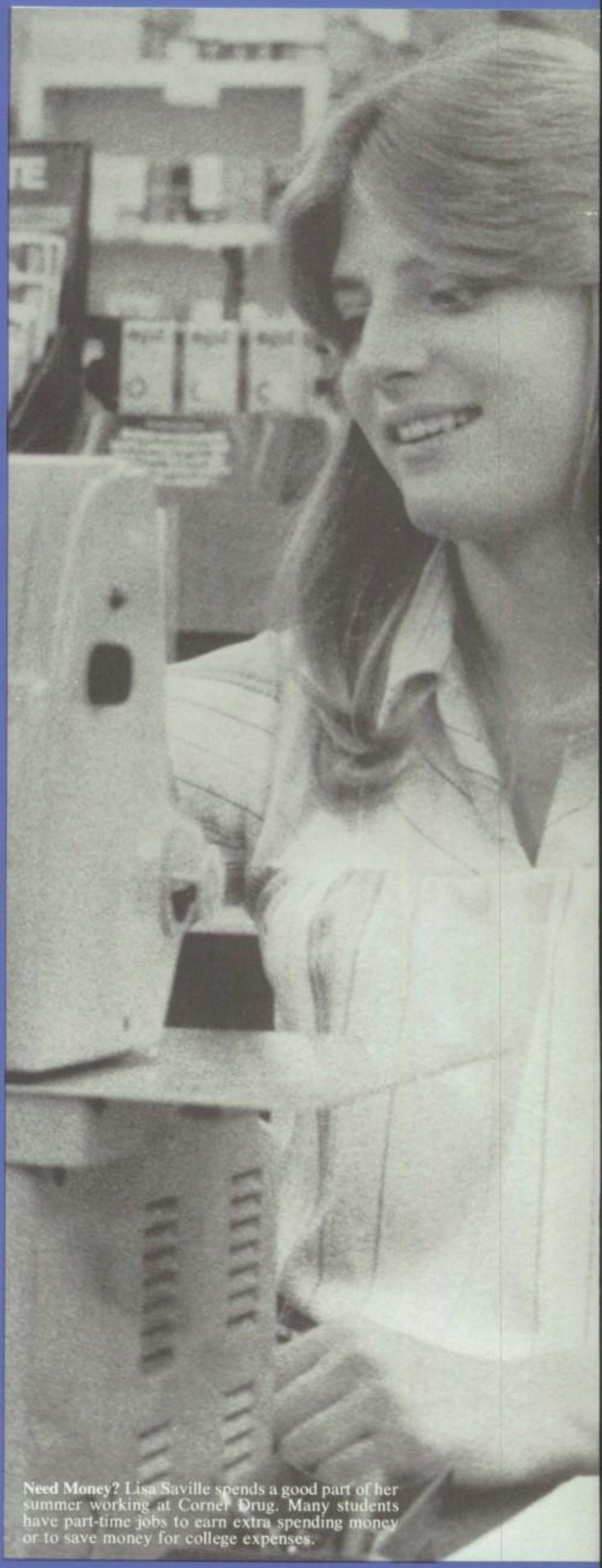
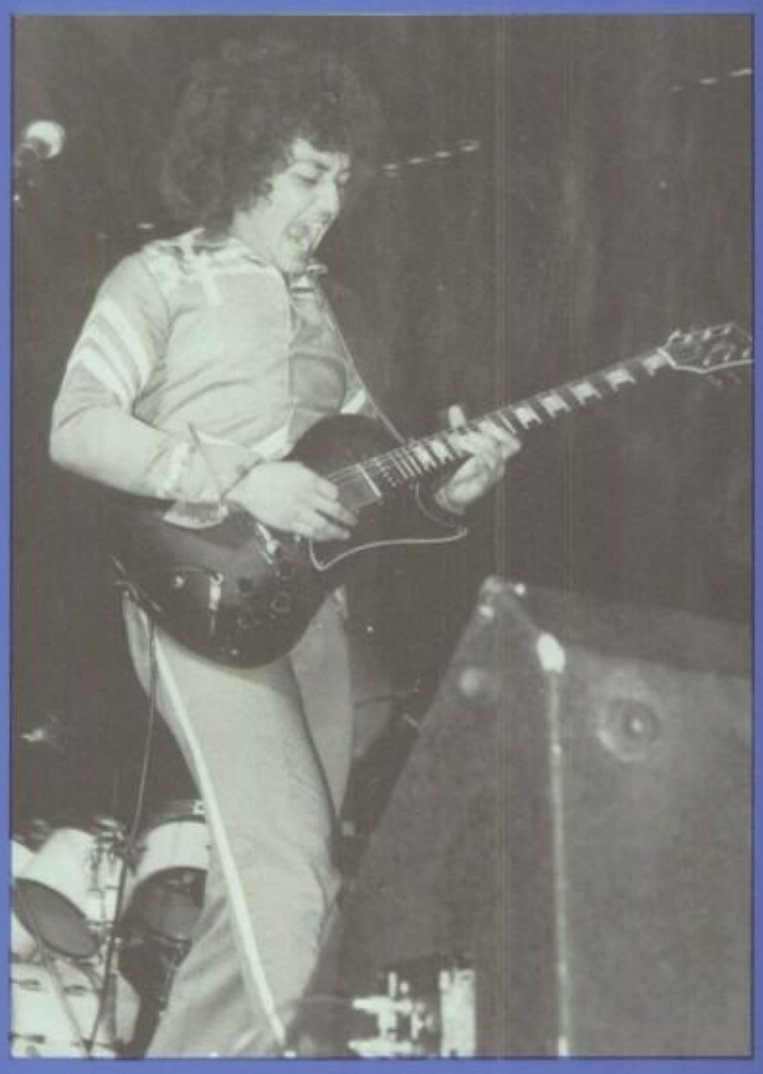
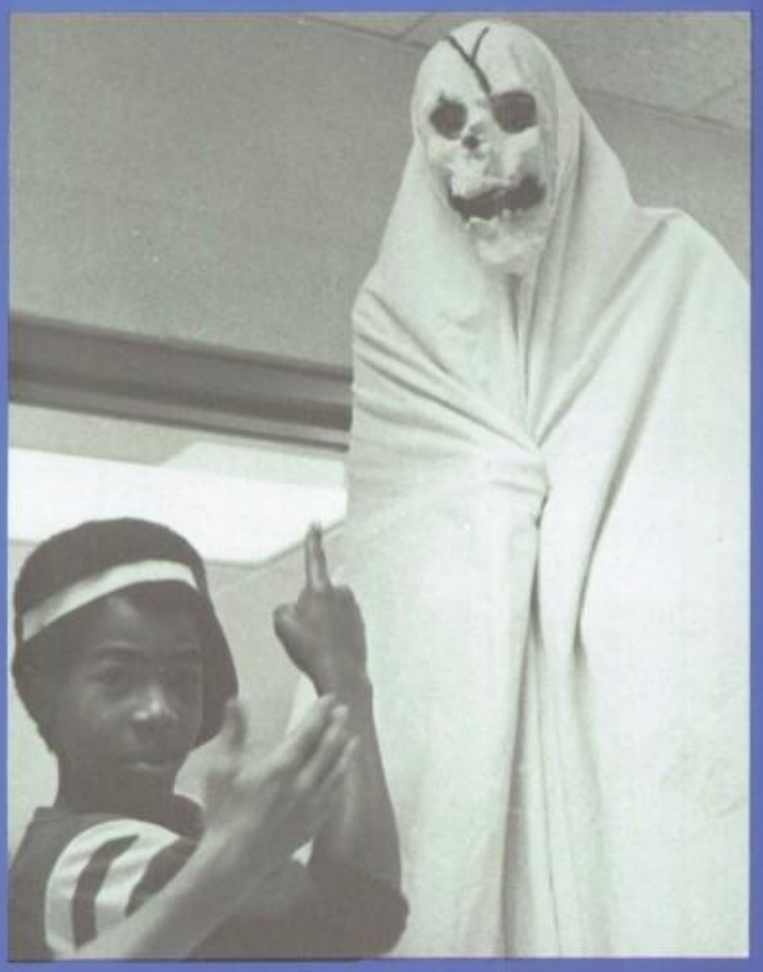


Need Money? Lisa Saville spends a good part of her summer working at Corner Drug. Many students have part-time jobs to earn extra spending money or to save money for college expenses.

Guitar player, John Phillips of "Free Fare" plays a solo in an assembly for the students of BHS.

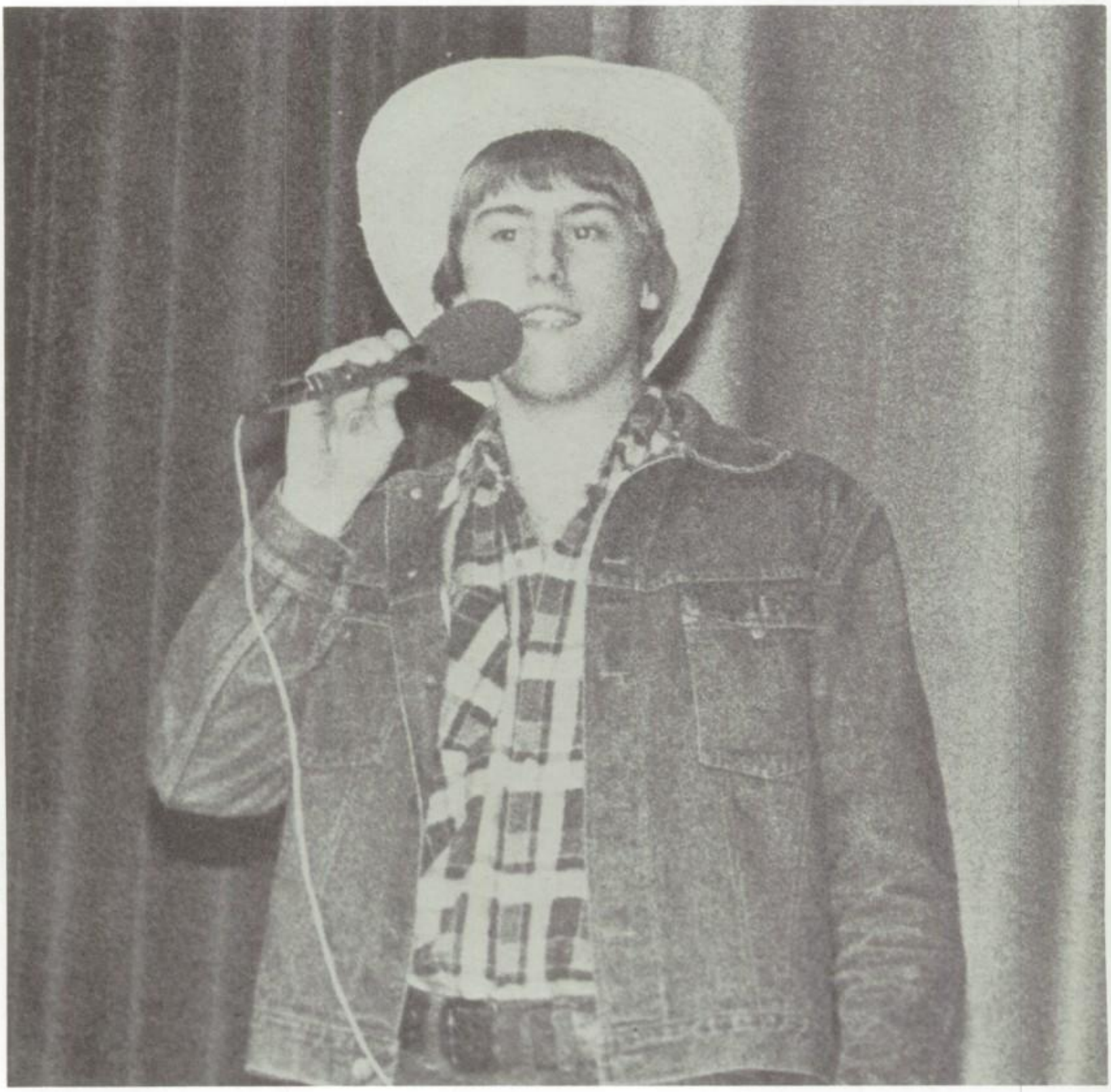




Boooo. Eric Wade points in amazement at Quintin Burch who goes "all out" to dress up for Halloween Costume Day. The class that has the most participants receives twenty-five dollars.

Those privileges and projects that always seem to belong to the "older crowd" were now within reach — because of increasingly acquired skills and confidence.

SILVER



A Celebrity Visits. Junior Gary Weddle makes his debut as a singer in his act titled "Wasted Days and Wasted Nights." Gary keeps the audience enthralled with a terrific impression of Freddy Fender. He adds some verses here and there to give the songs special meaning to the student body. Screams from the girls in the audience call him back for two encores.

A salute to excellence. Gracing the stage with their appearance, the 1977-78 Laurel Chain and Spring Festival court are heralded by the audience. The senior members of the Laurel Chain included: Barbie Hall, Pam Furey, Gabe Amos, Sarah Williams, Sarah Wiggert, Nina Houska, Debbie Oliver, and Stephanie Sazone. Representing the junior class were: Carol Parsons, Amy Sanchez, Tammy Kirkpatrick, Mara Wright, Paula Buss, Jo-Anne Lee, Lee Morrill, and Andrea Johnson.

CELEBRATION

A little bit of Nashville at BHS. "The Country Cut-Ups" is what the dynamic performers Tad Price, Barry Orange, and Darrell and Malita Sheppard call themselves. Their specialty is country and blue grass music.

The New King and Queen. Ronnie Carr and Lise Griffin stand before their throne after being crowned Rex and Regina XXV. The two are chosen to reign by their classmates who vote for Rex and Regina in week-long elections.

SILVER MEMORIES was the title of the 1978 Blacksburg High Spring Festival in honor of the event's twenty-fifth year. Mr. Syer and the Student Council sponsored the festivities, held on Friday, April 7. Art Mook and Rick Lechowich were Masters of Ceremonies.

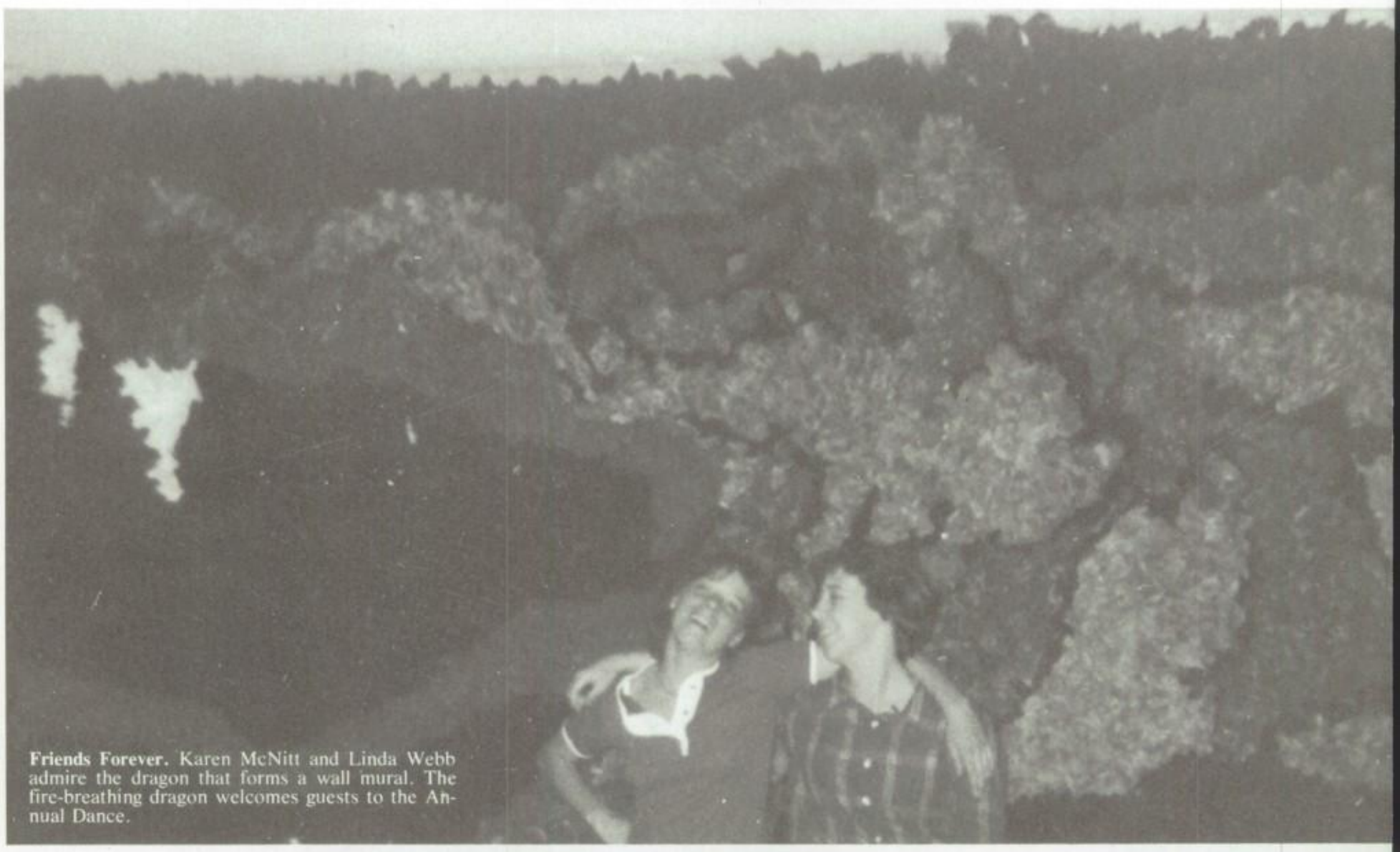
Ronnie Carr and Lise Griffin were crowned Rex and Regina XXV, and their court was as follows: Senior attendants — Terry McCoy, Jenna Pierce, Russ Pavlik, Sarah Marshall. Junior attendants — Randy Kates, Becky Worner, Mark Dymock, Shelley Bowker, Lloyd Bishop, Olga Ruiz. Sophomore attendants — Mike Wohlford, Christen Zweifel, Tony Smith, Katie Mason. Freshman attendants — Wes Cranwell, Amy Bellas, Lee Flowers, Lynn Tilley.

After the crowning, students displayed their many talents and entertained the court. Included in the show were all types of songs and dance routines, along with monologues and skits. Gary Weddle's closing act as Freddy Fender was the crowning performance on an excellent show.

The laurel chain has been a traditional symbol of academic excellence. This year, as in previous years, there was a ceremony recognizing the people who ranked highest in their scholastic achievements. The eight senior girls at the top of their class carried a chain made of fresh laurel. They passed it on to the eight top junior girls, passing with it their responsibility to maintain a high standard in academics.

Is it a boy or a girl? Robin Stombler and Carol Preble depict a typical scene in a hospital nursery. They are discussing which of them is a boy and which is a girl.

TRIP TO THE ORIENT



Friends Forever. Karen McNitt and Linda Webb admire the dragon that forms a wall mural. The fire-breathing dragon welcomes guests to the Annual Dance.

Anticipation of what's to come. Cammie Dugger and Cindy Fuller show enthusiasm for their part in the organizaton of the Annual Dance decorations. Placing the small Buddha figurines, that they are carrying, on tables is part of their work.

Oriental Wisdom. Becky Worner inspects a handmade mural of oriental elders in preparation for the Annual Dance.

With an Oriental theme in mind, the class of '79 shouldered the responsibility of hosting the annual dance and began putting together the biggest event of the year. The date was set for May 13. Junior sponsors, Mrs. Maybury, Mr. Goad, Mrs. Grady, and Mrs. Rivers, guided the diligent workers in their efforts.

Preparations were personally overseen by Dance Committee Chairman, Karen McNitt. Once again wooden frames were brought out of storage, chicken wire was repaired, and massive amounts of tissue paper and other materials were purchased.

Various classrooms in the Math department, which had been closed because of the leaky roof, served as a workshop and storage area for numerous flats and props. This same vicinity also housed an eighty foot, fire-breathing dragon. The dragon, the pride and joy of its creators, was used to welcome guests to its domain.

Couples were greeted by Oriental servant girls who scurried about seating seniors and offering refreshments to those couples resting from the beat of "Clockwork." The arrival of each senior was announced by the striking of a gong and the senior section was made special by having seniors seated with their dates beneath a bamboo trellis of flowers.

The dance, held in honor of seniors, was declared a success for several reasons. Approval was given of the atmosphere created by hundreds of flowers and the lighting used to illuminate the murals which encircled the dance floor. The band proved to be excellent, and those people attending the dance were impressed by the junior class' renewal of a slipping tradition.

The dance committee restricted attendance to the dance to seniors and juniors and their dates. The reinforcement of this custom pleased upperclassmen but caused questioning from the underclassmen. Freshmen and sophomores were reminded that as they progress up the Indian totem pole, the responsibility to host and the privilege to attend the Annual Dance would be theirs, too.

Construction workers, Carl Schwertz and Bruce Harrison work together in hanging cloth drapes that create a special ceiling effect. Bamboo fences and vines also help create the atmosphere of an oriental garden.

The finished product. Japanese lanterns, fragrant flowers, and table favors are set to perfection. Adding these finishing touches takes dance organizers until a few hours before the dance is to begin.

COLLAGE

As school was dismissed last June, many students began wondering what to do with their new found time. Fortunately, there was no lack of activities to occupy students' time. Students filled their summer with the light-hearted and the serious.

Some students, urged by their parents, and some on their own initiative, sought jobs. Besides the usual summer jobs like baby-sitting and lawn mowing, high school students found openings in department stores, fast food restaurants, and in organizations such as the Youth Conservation Corps.

In the YCC, teenagers were offered the chance to learn about nature while being paid for cutting trails and cleaning underbrush in Jefferson National Forest and Montgomery County.

After a busy year of studying and taking tests, a large portion of students was not inclined to apply for a summer job. Those students spent their summer enjoying it in the true fashion of summer vacationing. Pools, beaches, and amusement parks were filled beyond capacity.

Although most students delighted in playing summer sports such as swimming, frisbee, and tennis, a select group of student athletes began preparing for the upcoming season of sports. Beginning in mid-August, coaches held football, cheerleading, and girls' basketball tryouts and rugged practices.

Before practices began, some athletes started individual conditioning programs to better prepare themselves for their chosen sport. Some programs included running and stretching exercises.

One lucky student was able to make a summer trip across the Atlantic to Europe. Lloyd Bishop, a bicycle enthusiast, bicycled through France, Switzerland, Spain, and Germany with three companions from various parts of the United States. On his trip, Bishop was able to see such sights as the Alps and Paris, France, and much of the European countryside.

So after a summer of excitement and fulfilling work it was difficult for most students to return to the trials of school life. But on August 26 the students of BHS arrived for classes as usual.

Icy relief. Cooling off from this midsummer heat, Cathey Brinson enjoys a Sno-cone, just one of the many treats students can partake of during the summer months.

Anyone for a swim? A typical scene on a summer day is Doug Rockey, Julie Hartenstein, Mary Byers, Chris Walker, and Kirsten VandeBerg as they sun themselves by the side of the Shawnee Swim Club pool. Pool side conversations include such topics as special summer trips and the latest social scoop.

OF FUN

A western Hoe-Down. Members, Roger Sullins and Leslie Bellas, of the musical group **Head,** sing and play guitar for the crowds at Deadwood Days.

Practice Makes Perfect. Employing himself in a moment of individual practice, band member Gene Preble studies his field music. BHS musicians, under the direction of Mr. Mills, attend practice and a special band camp at Smith Mountain Lake.

Football Commotion. Offensive and defensive Varsity Football players scrimmage against one another during one of the many grueling summer practices. Starting in early August, Head Coach Dave Crist begins evaluating the skills of experienced players and of those players trying to attain varsity status for the first time.

HOMECOMING...

Howdy There, Partner. Sheila McClain portrays a rip-roaring cowboy of the Old West. Dressed in western attire, many students participate in Cowboy and Indian day which is part of the Homecoming week festivities.

Complete With Hat. Sophomore Robert Martin takes a look at the bulletin board prepared by his classmates for hall day.

Scenes from the wild west were recreated as Homecoming week began with Cowboy and Indian day. Enthusiastic students were found roaming the halls of BHS attired in either Western garb or Indian headdress. Even teachers enjoyed the colorful spectacle created by spirited participants. The seniors lassoed recognition by having more people dress up than any other class.

Tuesday found students adorning themselves with blue and gold tags, socks, and rugby shirts.

Wednesday, fashion went completely unheeded as Mix and Match day brought students to school modeling gaudy combinations of plaids and flowered prints.

Hall day and Crazy Hat and Sock day were combined on Thursday. The freshman, sophomore, and junior classes worked all week to prepare decorations for their respective halls. The seniors, however, came up with "Senior Graffiti," which poked fun at certain senior class members.

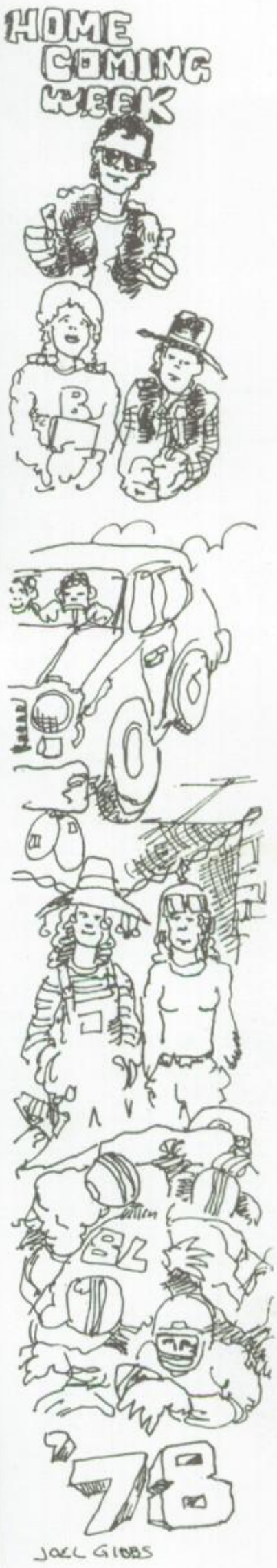
The judges awarded a ten dollar check to the sophomore class for excellence in theme and design. Sophomores had transformed their hall into an "underwater world" with the Narrows Green Wave submerged within the depths. The main attraction of the sophomore hall was the BHS varsity cheerleaders depicted as mermaids.

A Fifties Revival. Fifties day participants, Wendy Slate and Susan Yearwood, model clothing styles that were popular during the fifties. Fifties day brings back fond memories to some teachers who were students during this period.

"One Little, Two Little . . ." Found in the freshman hall, this Indian looks like one of many who is dressed up for Cowboys and Indians day.

Good Luck, Indians! Upperclassman, Karen Long, autographs one of the various graffiti boards found in the halls during Homecoming week.

A Collage of Spirit. Balloons, streamers, and decorations wishing the football team good luck fill the junior class hall. Golden stars with the players' names and numbers written on them add a personal touch to the hall day decorations.



A MIX OF COWBOYS, FIFTIES, AND SPIRIT

Friday, bobby-socks and leather jackets were brought from storage and were worn to school in the high fashion of the '50s. But students weren't the only participants; teachers got into the swing of things by wearing authenic apparel characteristic of the '50s and by acting "just like a kid."

At the pep rally before the homecoming game, Randy Kates was crowned Mr. Football by the cheerleaders. The annual "Mr. Football" contest was sponsored by the Latin Club which held the election for the student body to vote on its favorite senior football player.

To end a week of spirited Homecoming activities, the junior class joined forces to yell and scream the spirit stick into its possession. The blue and gold stick was carried by proud junior class members to the game.

Homecoming night, Narrows defeated the Indians by a score of 21 to 0. The Blacksburg High offense had problems driving the ball and although defense played well enough, it was forced to give up major plays.

At half time, Olga Ruiz was crowned Homecoming Queen by Scott Mullen. The freshmen attendants elected by fellow classmates were Mary Byers and Vicky Brown; sophomores were Amy Bellas and Patti-Anne Barranco; junior attendants were Amy Eller and Robin Comer; seniors were Tammy Grimes and Becky Worner. Candidates for queen were Kelly Bellas, Olga Ruiz, and Cammie Dugger. The escorts were seniors, Gary Graves, Scott Mullen, and Jamie Torgersen.

Homecoming Court. Senior Clark Strickland, Student Council president, stands with the new homecoming attendants: Mary Byers, Amy Bellas, Amy Eller, Tammy Grimes, Kelly Bellas, Olga Ruiz, Cammie Dugger, Becky Worner, Patti-Anne Barranco, and Vicky Brown. **Not Pictured:** Robin Comer. The girls are elected by their fellow classmates.

Warm Reception. Varsity Defensive Coach Bill Brown and players Robert Houska, Rick Louthan, Mark Hill, Robert Martin, and Bill Christopher welcome Jimmy Underwood. The starting line-up for the defense is announced before the game.

Crowning Glory. Senior Olga Ruiz is crowned Homecoming Queen by fellow classmate Scott Mullen. Olga has been voted queen in a school-wide election. Behind her, the band plays "Feelings" in honor of her crowning.

The first cold game. Majorette Julie Ribbe looks like she might be cold but she smiles through it all while band member Jeff Weidhaas awaits direction from Mr. Mills.

Singing the night away. Concert Choir members Christine Petrecca, Donna Gnegy and Leah O'Dell join the rest of the choir and the Madrigals in "The Star Spangled Banner" before the start of the game.

SADIE HAWKINS DIMENSION WITH

Between classes the Monday before the dance, the halls were filled with whispered conversations and blushes from the girls as they invited their favorite guys to "Dogpatch, U.S.A." Monday was official "Chase Day," and after the girl asked her guy he was supposed to wear a tag announcing the catch.

Tuesday was marriage license day. Licenses could be purchased for the small sum of fifty cents. These licenses were signed by witnesses at the dance.

On Wednesday, the FBLA, acting as sponsor of Sadie Week, showed two films about the March of Dimes during study halls. All profits from the dance went to the March of Dimes.

Candy, apples, pickles, and other foods were sold on Thursday by the FBLA at the country store in the commons during all lunches.

Students arrived at school on Friday in overalls and suspenders for dress-up day. Some imaginative students dressed as L'il Abner and Daisy Mae to go along with the "Dogpatch, U.S.A." theme of the dance.

The dance, held on Saturday, November 18, at 8:00 p.m., was widely attended. A local disc jockey supplied the music, and students and teachers danced amid flashing lights and pulsating music.

A "Fall-Fun Fair" took place in the gym during the first part of the dance. Students could buy food and play chance games to help the March of Dimes.

A new attraction at the dance this year was a jail. Students could be put in jail by another student for the price of a quarter. The prisoner had to pay a quarter to get out, or stay in for ten minutes. A friend of the prisoner could free him for a dime and one full dance. Stage crew members acted as the "policemen."

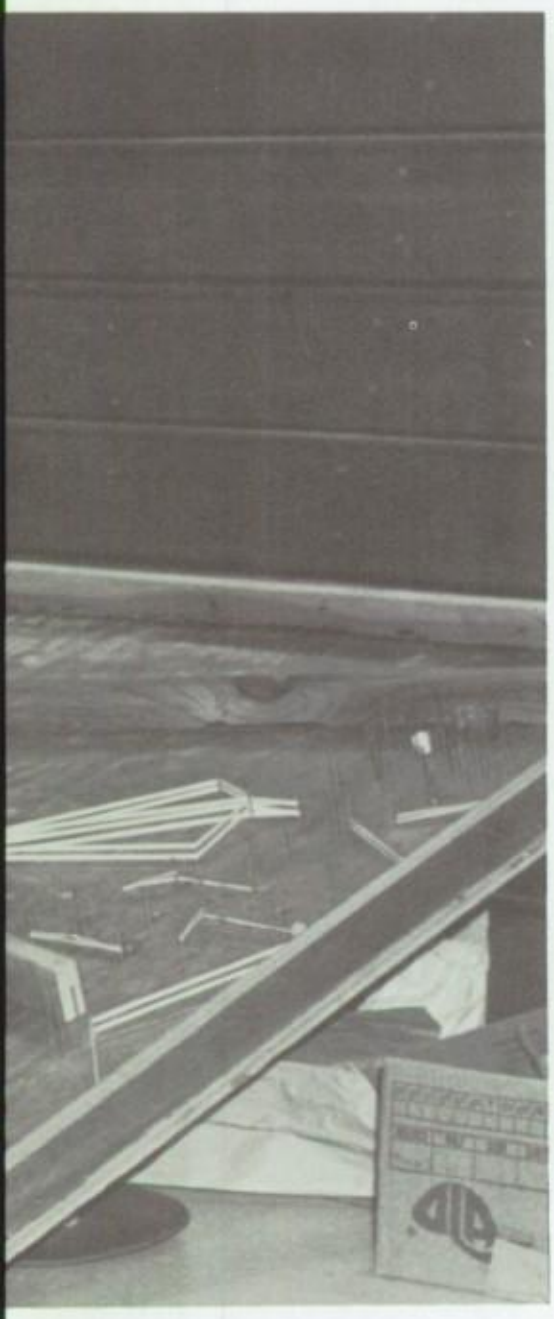
All through Sadie Week, students voted for "L'il Abner" and "Daisy Mae" by supporting their favorite choice of teachers. Mr. Rinker and Mrs. Webb were crowned Li'l Abner and Daisy Mae at the dance.

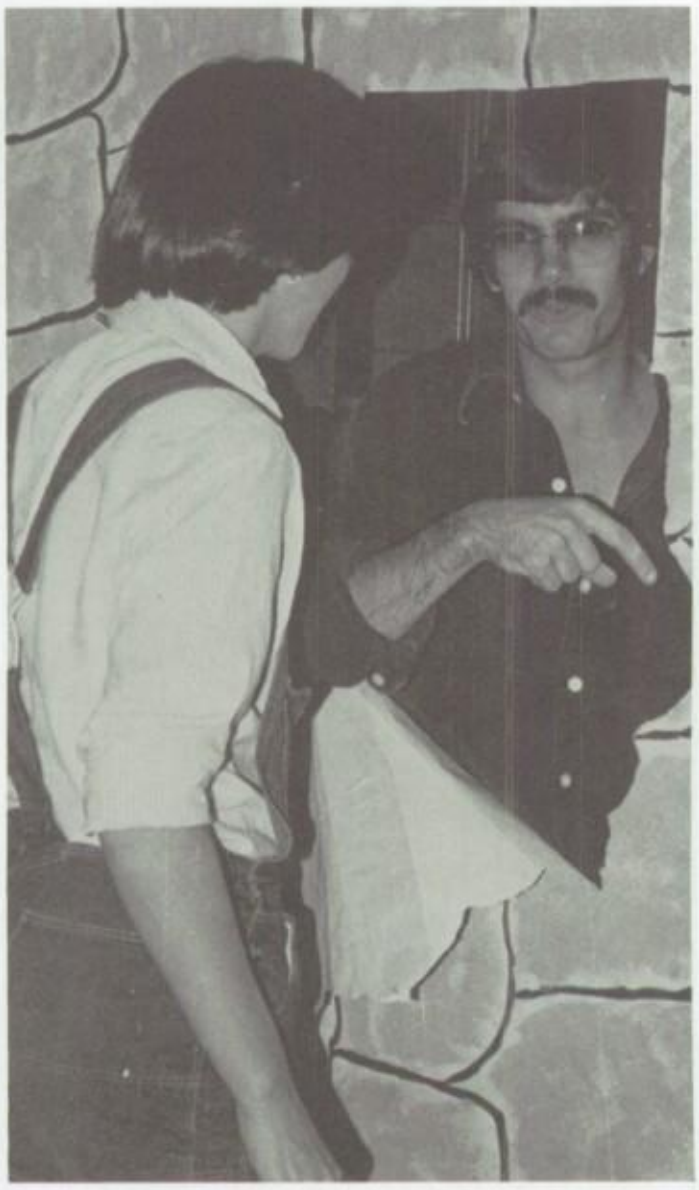
The FBLA collected over five hundred dollars for the March of Dimes with the proceeds received from Sadie Week and the dance. The dance was well attended and the club's cause made the small entrance price a worthy one.

Taking a chance. Oakey McNew plays "Marble Race," sponsored by the Student Council at the Fall-Fun-Fair. Marbles of different colors are rolled from the top of the board, and players make bets up to twenty-five cents as to which marble will win.

"I love the night life." Sophomore Barbara Krutchkoff displays her talent for disco-dancing. Her partner is John Skelly, a recent graduate of BHS. Ronnie Carr, also a recent graduate, dances with Kelly Bellas in the background.

GIVEN A NEW SADIES WEEK





What's he done this time? Coach Dave Rinker receives a visitor, as he serves time in "jail." The jail is a new addition to the Sadie festivities.

"'Neath the light of the starry, starry sky . . ." Buck Matherly and April Montgomery capture the moment in a picture. The photograph booth is just one of the many activities which is available to people attending the dance.

Married for a night. Christen Zweifel and Doug Stewart tie the knot, in a mock marriage ceremony conducted by Mr. Bob Price, acting as Justice of the Peace. The "Marriage" is good until the dance ends.

"And then . . ." Sheila Reyna and Bill Acuff converse as they twirl to a music and light show provided by a local radio station.

AUTUMN TRADITIONS

Pablo Cruise meets the real McCoy. The famous rock group Pablo Cruise spends an autumn weekend at the Roberts' farm in Longshop-McCoy. Group members David Jenkins and Cory Lerios, and Tracy Roberts, prepare for an exhilarating gallop through the woods on horseback. Ray Roberts, Tracy's father, is the pilot for Pablo Cruise.

Thanksgiving centerpiece. These little figures on a Thanksgiving table hark back to the days of the colonists and their first celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday with the Indians.

Leaves. As this Blacksburg resident has found, the fall season results in leaves, leaves, and more leaves to rake, jump in, or burn. The leaves also add color to the mountains, creating a beautiful autumn landscape.

Brilliant leaf colors, wood smoke, football games, and Thanksgiving dinners created a traditional atmosphere for the Autumn season in Blackburg and the rest of America.

The colorful leaves adorning the Blue Ridge mountains were deemed especially beautiful this year. Local mountains such as Brush Mountain and the mountains of the Blue Ridge Parkway attracted thousands of nature lovers. But eventually the leaves, once profuse with color, turned a dull orange-brown and fell to the ground. This event necessitated the raking and burning of excess leafage.

Early in the Fall, spooks, skeletons, and other frightful creatures haunted the halls of Blacksburg High School in celebration of Halloween dress-up day. This event was sponsored by the Student Council on October 31. Students from each class competed against one another for twenty dollars which was awarded to the class with the most participants. The Senior class won the cash prize which was added to the class treasury.

Although Halloween played an important part in the fall season, Thanksgiving was the major Autumn event. Thanksgiving dinners were the center of attention on this family-oriented occasion. One teacher at BHS, Coach Davis, received a free turkey for his Thanksgiving dinner. Coach Davis was awarded this prize when he was crowned "King Turkey" in a school-wide election.

Even though a fair amount of time was allotted to feasting, an equal share was spent spectating. Football fans settled down in front of their television sets to watch numerous regular season and post season playoff games. This year the number extended from fourteen to sixteen games. The extra games pushed the Super Bowl into late January when the Dallas Cowboys were pitted against the Pittsburg Steelers in the National Football League's championship game.

As Autumn drew to a close and Winter moved in, the lively activities once so abundant in the Fall came to an end. In turn, people occupied themselves with snowball fights, Christmas caroling, and buying gifts for friends and relatives during the Christmas season.

PRE-CHRISTMAS GALA

Lee Street. Students who attend the Christmas Dance are treated to a professional performance on the part of the rock band, Lee Street.

Ignoring any thoughts of studying for exams, the class of 1979 set the date for "Yuletide Follies" on the sixteenth of December, the Saturday before a heavy exam schedule. Preparation for the Christmas dance began early in November and continued in the fevered spirit of Christmas until just moments before the doors opened.

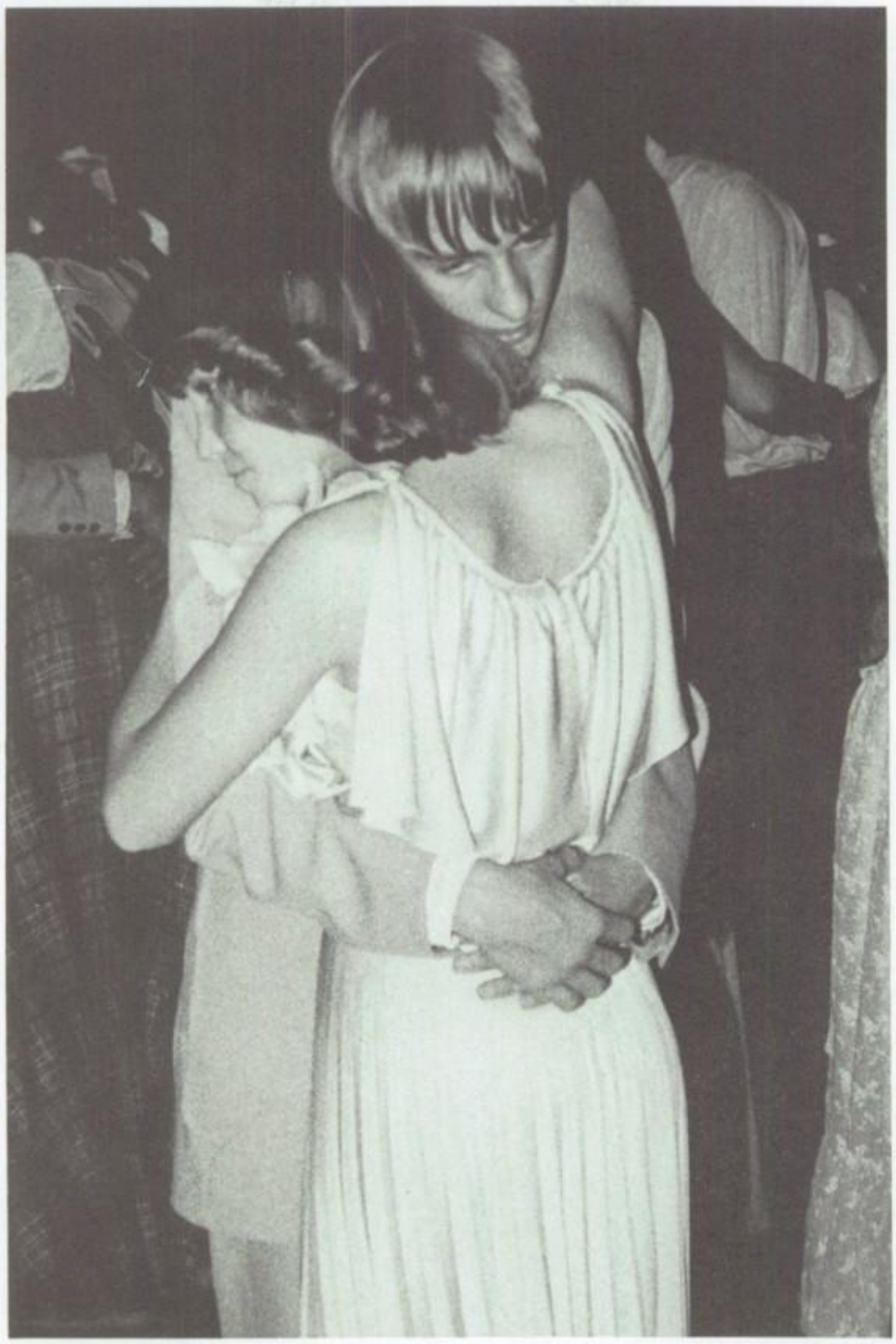
The Dance Committee, headed by Karen McNitt as overall chairman, consisted of Cammie Dugger, Tammy Grimes, and Linda Webb, in charge of publicity, decorations, and pictures, respectively. This able-bodied group, along with senior volunteers, disguised the BHS commons in the traditional red and green. Masses of streamers and wreaths were used to decorate the familiar commons.

Adding to the holiday atmosphere were the students themselves. Dressed in their finest, their excitement and enthusiasm carried out the theme, "Yuletide Follies."

Music was provided by Lee Street, a professional band from this area. Refreshments were served by eighth-grade elves, clad in bright red and green outfits.

To add an element of mystery to the festivities, an anonymous Santa Claus put in a guest appearance. He dutifully bellowed a couple of "Ho, Ho, Ho's," danced a song with a persistent admirer, willingly gulped some of the elves' fruit punch, and merrily went on his way.

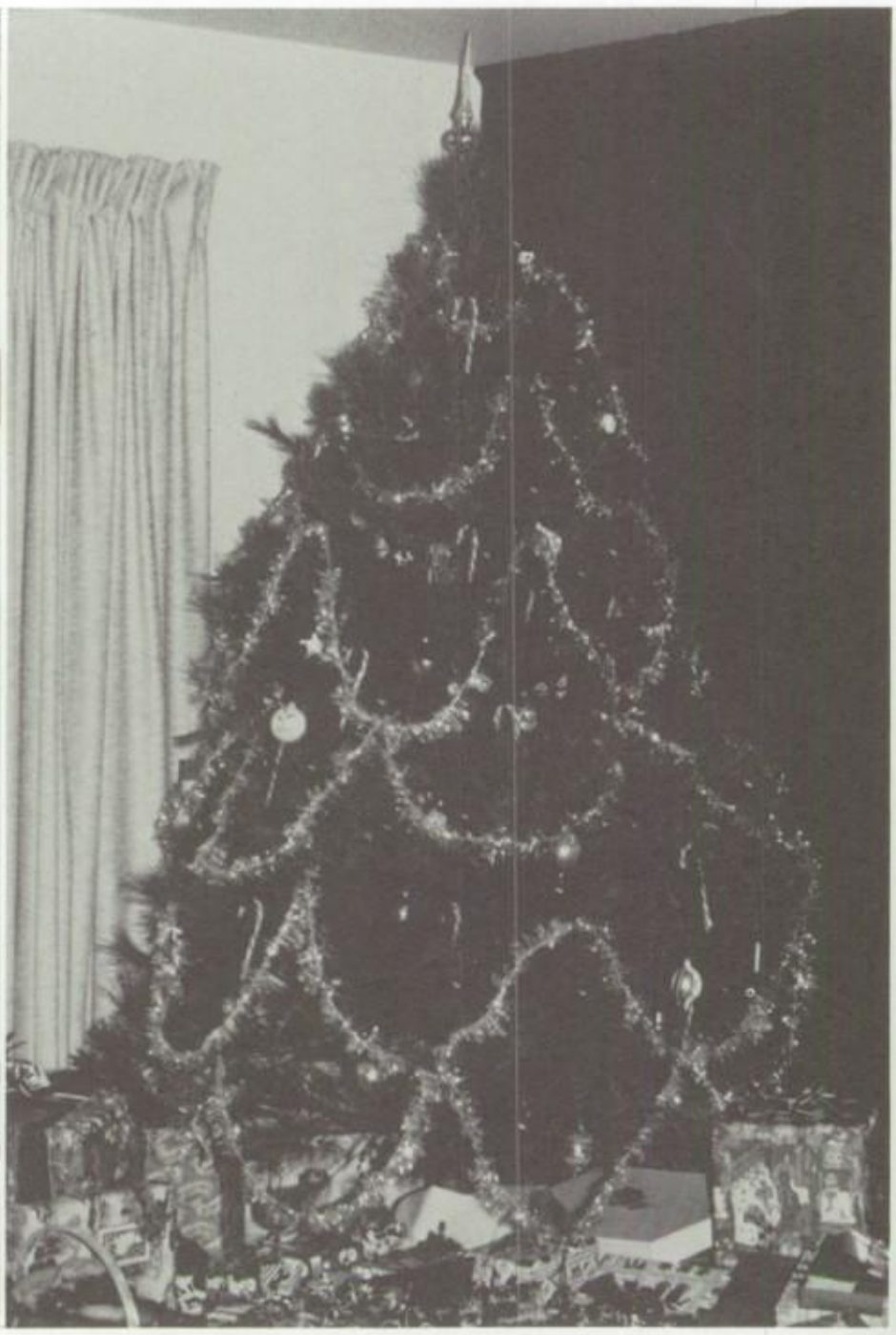
And so did the dance participants when twelve o'clock rolled around. But for most, midnight didn't signal the end of the evening. Some students crammed as many parties as they could into the remaining hours before curfew. Others flocked to pizza places around town for the last pizza binge before the exam grind.



Slow dancing. Freshman Mary Byers and sophomore Mark Matusevich slow dance dreamily to soft music by Lee Street. The Christmas Dance is the perfect setting for making memories that will linger for years to come.

Merry little elves. BMS eighth-graders Maggie Munson, Evelyn Eller, and Dawn Heterick are servers at the Christmas dance. Servers pour glasses of punch and serve cookies to tired but enthusiastic dancers.

'TIS THE SEASON



Different strokes. Both are Christmas trees, but there the similarity ends. The first (above, right) is a traditional tree like ones found in many homes. It represents the material aspects of the season with emphasis placed on giving and receiving gifts. The second tree (above, left) is a religious Christmas tree. Angie Smibert, Linda Gross, and Leah Miller adjust Christmon ornaments on the tree located at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, as Sarah Cherry supervises the tree-trimming.

Happy Chanukah. People of the Jewish faith celebrate the festival of lights at Chanukah. Chanukah is celebrated with a traditional symbol, the menorah.

Jack Frost paints the town. On the weekend of January 19, an ice storm strikes Southwest Virginia. Heavy coats of ice cover and break tree limbs and numerous power lines causing extensive power losses for many Montgomery County residents.

Each year the holiday season has found students eagerly awaiting its arrival. Whether they waited for party-filled nights, visits from relatives, or just a break from their work, students all agreed that Christmas vacation was the best thing next to summer.

For the first time, Montgomery County decided to have its mid-term exams before Christmas rather than late in January. The arrangement found approval from the school population, because everyone was glad to get them over with; teachers and students alike were free from worry over exams during Christmas break.

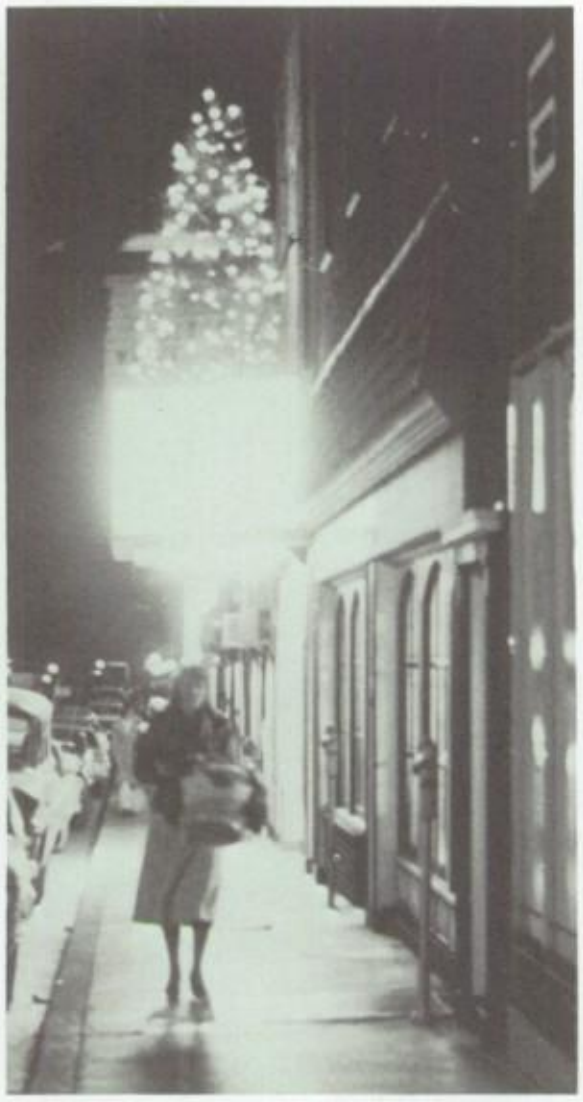
Although some students preferred to cut off all connections with school during their vacations, many were not able to. Participants in any of several winter sports could be found working out diligently each day at the school.

For New Year's Eve, there was a variety of things in which the high school crowd could participate. Dominion Skating Rink had its annual all-night skate to celebrate. Most restaurants in the area had special rates that covered a wide range of events from a dinner and music to an early breakfast. There were also quite a few parties all over town. The majority of the reports from returning students indicated that most had first-rate New Year's Eves.

The weather during Christmas week disappointed many school-age Blacksburg residents. They waited and waited for the snows of last year to put in an appearance, but the waiting was in vain. Only flurries came, but they were not even enough to cover the roads. As New Year's Day and the return to school approached, students anxiously looked to the skies, hoping against hope that snow would begin to fall. Their hopes were crushed as they awoke January 2 to a ground covered by nothing but frost. School commenced on time, and intermixed with recitations of what people got for Christmas, there could be heard complaints of "Why, oh **why,** no snow?"

The holidays came to a halt as the old year closed and the new one was ushered in. The memories created during the vacation served as a pleasant background to the student body as it was again faced with the daily ritual of school.

Fighting Spirit. Though the first snowfall of the season offers little ammunition for participants of snow fights, David Graybeal lets fly a snowball at the opposition. With pleasure, David watches his weapon find its victim.



Movie Lights. The Lyric Theater on College Avenue decorates its marquee with a brilliantly lighted, live Christmas tree. The tree adds a bit of Christmas spirit to an otherwise dark street.

Santa Claus. Reverend Glenn London plays a dual role as Santa Claus and as a pastor at St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Pastor London assists the Clover Kids 4-H Club by posing as Saint Nicholas at a party for underprivileged children.

ASSEMBLIES ENHANCE

Angel Baby. The lead singer of Free Fare, Mike Loredo, serenades upperclassman Tammy Grimes to the tune of "Angel Baby." Along with singing "Angel Baby," the rock group sings other popular tunes such as "Three Times A Lady."

Jazz. The Commodores, the jazz section of the United States Navy Band, play some New Orleans jazz for BHS. The concert is highlighted by a brass section, which includes the saxophones soloing here.

I think we're all going to be terminated. In a **Star Wars** skit during the Free Fare concert, Mrs. Grady plays See-threepio and Chris Marin speaks in bleeps and blips as fluently as the real Artoo-Deetoo.

Indigestion. Cheered on by classmates in the bleachers and Key Club members behind them, juniors Mark Hughes and Joe Weber wolf down vast quantities of pie. Pitchers of water are given to each team to make the pie go down a little easier. Stomachaches are forgotten when the juniors triumph.

SCHOOL LIFE

Throughout the school year, assemblies provided some relaxing entertainment and spiced up the occasionally ho-hum atmosphere of high school. Assemblies of all types served to break the monotony of classroom routine as well as giving different organizations an opportunity to raise funds by staging productions.

The Free Fare concert started the year off with a bang, treating students to a fantastic ninety minutes of rock and roll. Free Fare was one of five bands put together by Young American Showcase that toured schools all over the country. The group played many top 40 hits including, "I Want to Rock and Roll All Night," "Love is Like Oxygen," and "Angel Baby."

Audience response to this unorthodox group was terrific, with students clapping and dancing to the music. The band also did a **Star Wars** skit involving Mrs. Grady, Chris Marin, Mark Dymock, and Sheila McClain.

For Thanksgiving, the Key Club presented **The Shakiest Gun in the West,** a western comedy about a dentist, starring Don Knotts. Key Club president Gary Weddle announced the winners of the first two teacher-of-the-six-weeks awards, Mr. Peters and Mr. Laughlin. The Student Council declared Coach Davis the winner of the "Turkey Teacher" contest, and presented him with a Thanksgiving turkey.

The same day, the Key Club held the first annual pie-eating contest in the gym. Proceeds were used to help buy a van for a Christiansburg man with Muscular Dystrophy.

The contest was between five juniors (Joe Weber, Sam Bender, Bobby Hypes, Rick Louthan, and Mark Hughes), and five seniors (Randy Kates, Craig Blevins, Scott Mullen, John Paterson, and Bobby Whitlock). Each contestant was required to eat two cream pies. The juniors were judged victorious.

Club president Gary Weddle called out ticket numbers and the lucky ticket-holders were allowed to throw leftover pies at several unlucky teachers, including Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Sumner, Mrs. Surface, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Laughlin, and Mr. Kelsey.

The BHS Warrior Band, with Band Director Mr. Mills, sponsored a concert by the Commodores, the Navy Jazz Band. The Commodores' vocal and instrumental arrangements were highlighted by an incredible brass section. The Jazz band played a number of hits by Chick Corea, Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Natalie and Nat King Cole, and many other artists.

On December 1, the Junior Class Play was staged. **Who Dun Did It?** a courtroom thriller, was written by Director Christa Arnold and Mrs. Peggy Arnold. The play was an audience-participation play, something new to BHS.

National Honor Society inductions were held at the Christmas assembly. Amy Sanchez, Mara Wright, Bill Williams, and Glenn Huffman spoke briefly on the qualities necessary for induction: leadership, scholarship, character, and service. With the house lights dimmed, members went into the audience with lighted candles to comb the rows and seek out new inductees. Twenty-three seniors were inducted.

The Christmas assembly was also the date of the Key Club's annual canned food drive. For the small fee of two cans of food, students took in **Shenandoah,** a Civil War drama starring Jimmy Stewart. Nineteen hundred cans of food were collected later in Christmas baskets for needy families.

Throughout the year the guidance office and various academic departments invited guest speakers to Blacksburg High School. John Casteen II, Dean of Admissions at the University of Virginia, spoke to juniors and seniors about taking tests. Professor Bryan Moran of Radford College lectured on advanced algebra topics to trig and advanced math students. Pamela Kurstedt of VPI&SU discussed possible careers in engineering in a talk for math students. Interested seniors were invited to attend an assembly on financial aid for college.

Key Club inductions were held in the spring, along with the National Honor Society junior inductions.

Assemblies were an integral part of 1978-1979. Their diversity greatly added to the overall high school experience.

Two minutes till curtain. Junior Peter Hardell makes a few last-minute costume changes before show time. Peter plays the character of Lefty Snyder in the Junior Class production of **Who Dun Did It?**

Cornucopia. The BHS Key Club collects nineteen hundred cans of food in its annual canned-food drive. For a fee of two cans of food, students enjoy the movie **Shenandoah.**

GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY?

Did Mary Simple kill her husband? Maybe the murder was committed by Honey, the playboy bunny, or Sophie, the maid. In any case, the junior class play, **Who Dun Did It?,** tried to reveal that answer.

The production was held on December 1, during school and at night for the public. The admission charge assisted the Class of 1980 in its financial actions for the year.

The setting for the play was a courtroom. Mary Simple (Kristen Saacke) was accused of murdering her husband with a knife. Was she guilty or not guilty? The defense attorney (David Slayton) went through many procedures and witnesses to answer this question.

All actors developed special characteristics to add to the entertainment. Elmira Twittlehopper (Cindy Kornegay) and Sophie (Chirsta Arnold) were two maids who testified as witnesses. The cleaning ladies spoke with such obnoxious Southern accents that they made the audience laugh in delight.

The bailiff (Gary Brent) swore in police detective Herb Johnson (Joe Sandoval). The detective stated all the facts.

Sweet innocents and filthy slobs were portrayed. Susie Doodle (Melissa Maybury) was a sweet little girl who told the jurors all about the Simple's marital relations.

Lefty (Peter Hardell), owner of a sleezy hotel, was asked to testify that Mary Simple and her lover, Tom Darling (John Hay), spent the night in his boarding house. Lefty answered negatively, "What do you think I do, man, go 'round peeking in people's windows?"

Honey (Tammy Grimes), a playboy bunny, impressed the courtroom with her pink bunny suit. Butch Henderson (Phillip Cumbo) turned the females in the audience wild when he tried to kiss all of them.

This play was uniquely performed since it required an exciting audience response. Various actors were secretly placed in the seating area with the students.

Immediate reaction was displayed by the crowd when these hidden actors suddenly appeared from all areas of the auditorium.

Who Dun Did It? was written especially for the junior class by Christa Arnold and her mother, Mrs. Peggy Arnold. It was interesting to note that neither Christa, her mother, nor any member of the cast knew exactly how the performance would end.

The decision of a randomly selected jury was actual. The script of the play had no closure. The deliberation of the jurors, which found the accused innocent of charges, was actually unrehearsed.

"Wheeell, Mary says to me, she says . . . " Sophie (Christa Arnold) testifies as the judge (Beth Gerken) attempts to smother a laugh.

Ready? Melissa Maybury, dressed as Susie Doodle, ties Tammy Grimes' bow tie. Tammy plays Honey Devoe, "the hostess with the mostest."

Leading the witness? The prosecuting attorney (David Slayton) asks of Miss Elmira Twittlehopper (Cindy Kornegay), "Now isn't that the way it happened?" Elmira **isn't** sure of much except that she doesn't think highly of the trial and takes no pains to keep her complaints quiet!

FALL SPORTS AWARDS PRESENTED

The 1979 Fall Sports Banquet was held on December 12. Awards were presented to those athletes whose performances were outstanding and deserved recognition.

The Cross Country awards went to Charles Young, Most Valuable Runner; to Peter Ifju, Most Valuable Runner; and to Andy Randall, Most Improved Runner.

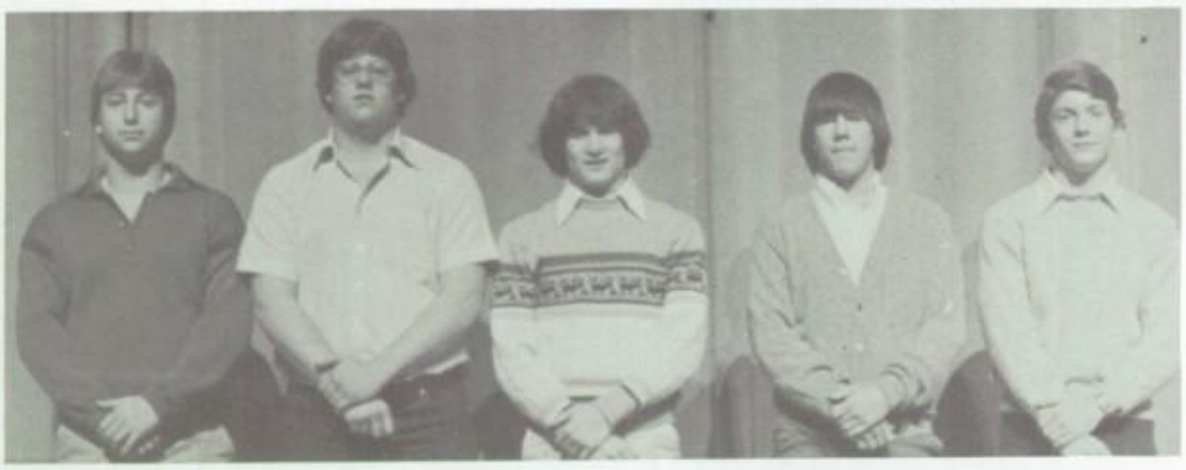
Girls' Basketball players had their share of honors, also. Bronie Reynolds was named Outstanding Defensive Player and played first team All-District. Lynne Collins received a Most Valuable Player of the Year Award. Shelly Bowker was given the team captain award as well as Most Outstanding Defensive Player. Scarlett Schneider, a newcomer to BHS, received a Most Valuable Player award. Warren Murphy, the girls' coach, was named New River District Coach of the Year.

In football, recipients were Mark Dymock, Best Offensive Back, Co-captain; Randy Kates, Best Defensive Back; John Paterson, Best Offensive Lineman; Robert Houska, Best Defensive Lineman; Jimmy Underwood, Co-Captain; and Tony McGuyer, Tomahawk Award.

Later in the year, winter and spring sports banquets were held to honor athletes in basketball, wrestling, gymnastics, volleyball, tennis, track, and baseball.

Happy Winners. Recipients of Girls' Basketball honors are: Lynne Collins, Most Valuable Player, First Team All-District, New River District Player of the Year; Scarlett Schneider, Most Valuable Player; Shelley Bowker, team captain award, Outstanding Defensive Player; Bronie Reynolds, Outstanding Defensive Player, first Team All-District.

Cross Country awards go to Charles Young, Most Valuable Runner; to Andy Randall, Most Improved Runner; to Peter Ifju, Most Valuable Runner.



Football players honored. Winners of awards are Mark Dymock, Best Offensive Back, Co-Captain; John Paterson, Best Offensive Lineman; Randy Kates, Best Defensive Back; Jimmy Underwood, Co-captain; Robert Houska, Best Defensive Lineman. **Not Pictured:** Tony McGuyer, Tomahawk Award.

STUDENTS REVEL

Choral members show skill. All-Regional Chorus members and alternates are: **Front:** Mickey O'Neill, Wendy Warshauer, Teresa Matherly. **Middle:** Bill Williams, Leah O'Dell, Rosie Brooker, Doug Turner. **Back:** Jocelyn Vande Berg, David Slayton, Rick Lechowich, Rick Luckham, Kelly Bellas.

Forensics goes All-Regional. Pictured are: **Front:** Christa Arnold, Robin Stombler. **Back:** Robert Johnson, Rick Lechowich.

All-State Chorus. After competing successfully in All-Regional tryouts, Bill Williams, Wendy Warshauer, and Rosie Brooker continue to All-State.

It's lonely at the top. Senior Louise Dodl is the only band member to place in the All-State Band. She plays clarinet.

Speaking out for the student body. The District Forensics Team consists of: **Front:** Barbara Tillman, Amy Kassem, Marshall Elson, Joe Sandoval, Robin Stombler. **Back:** Robert Johnson, Paul Williams, Rick Lechowich, Christa Arnold.

Various contests and special programs were constantly being offered so students could display their talents and compete with others who shared their skills. The award-winning talent at BHS showed itself to be as diverse as the students' personalities.

All-Regional Band tryouts were held for band members who wished to compete with fellow members around this region. Out of twenty-nine people who tried out, twenty-three people got into the band. Any person placing high enough in the All-Regional Band was eligible to try out for the All-State Band. The All-State Band was made up of high school musicians from all over Virginia, and just to be eligible for it was deemed an honor.

Chorus members were kept busy with All-Regional tryouts. For the All-Regional Chorus, three people, two finalists and one alternate, were chosen from each section. Students doing well enough at All-Regionals went on to All-State.

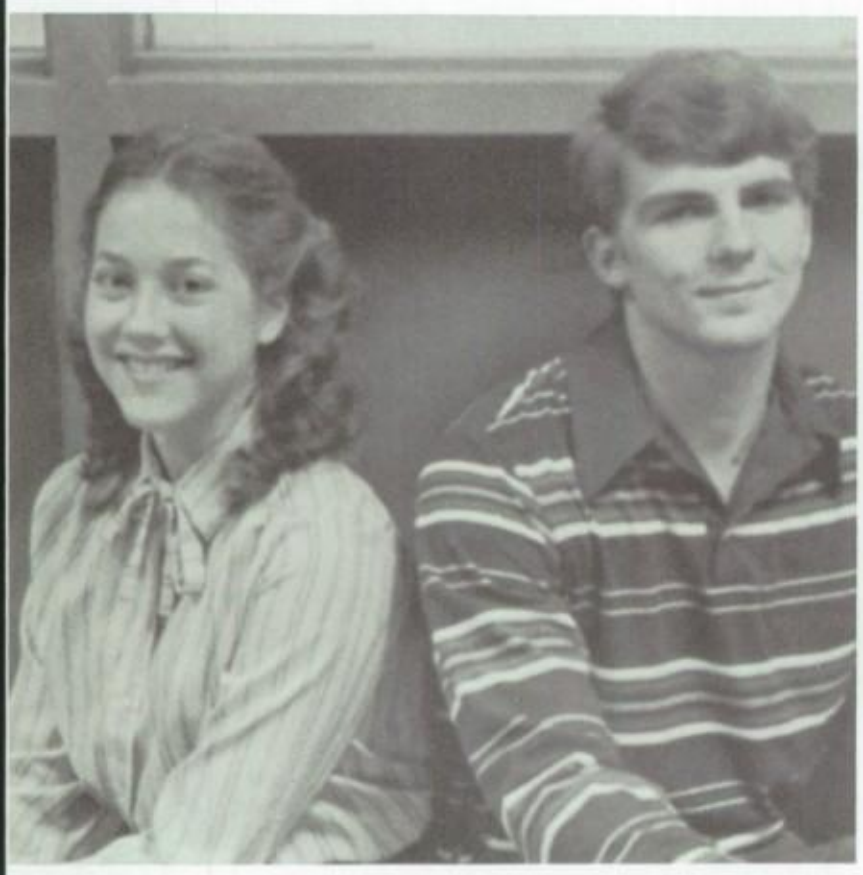
The Forensics Team did very well in both district and regional contests. It took nine members to the district meet and four continued to the regional meet.

Barbara Tillman was chosen as this year's participant in the Governor's School. She will have attended the school this summer and have taken classes of her own choice covering a variety of topics. Jamie Bollinger was chosen as an alternate.

Mention the word **mole** to a student fresh out of Mr. Syer's chemistry class, and you were likely to receive about ten definitions of the word, all different. According to Mr. Syer the mole was an "all-encompassing idea" behind chemistry. To further stir the students' interest in his idea, he held a contest in which people could present their ideas of what a mole would look like. Any form of art could be used. This year's winner of the "Mole of the Year" award was Matt Burke, because of his unusual representation of a mole.

IN RECOGNITION

Mole of the Year contestants. Enterprising artists Diane Eaves, Cindy Lineweaver, Matt Burke, Leah Miller, and Jo-Anne Lee display works of art showing their ideas of what **moles** might look like if it were possible to see them. The mole is a major idea behind much of Mr. Syer's teaching in chemistry. Matt Burke is the top prize winner in the contest and he attains the title, "Mole of the Year," for his entry.

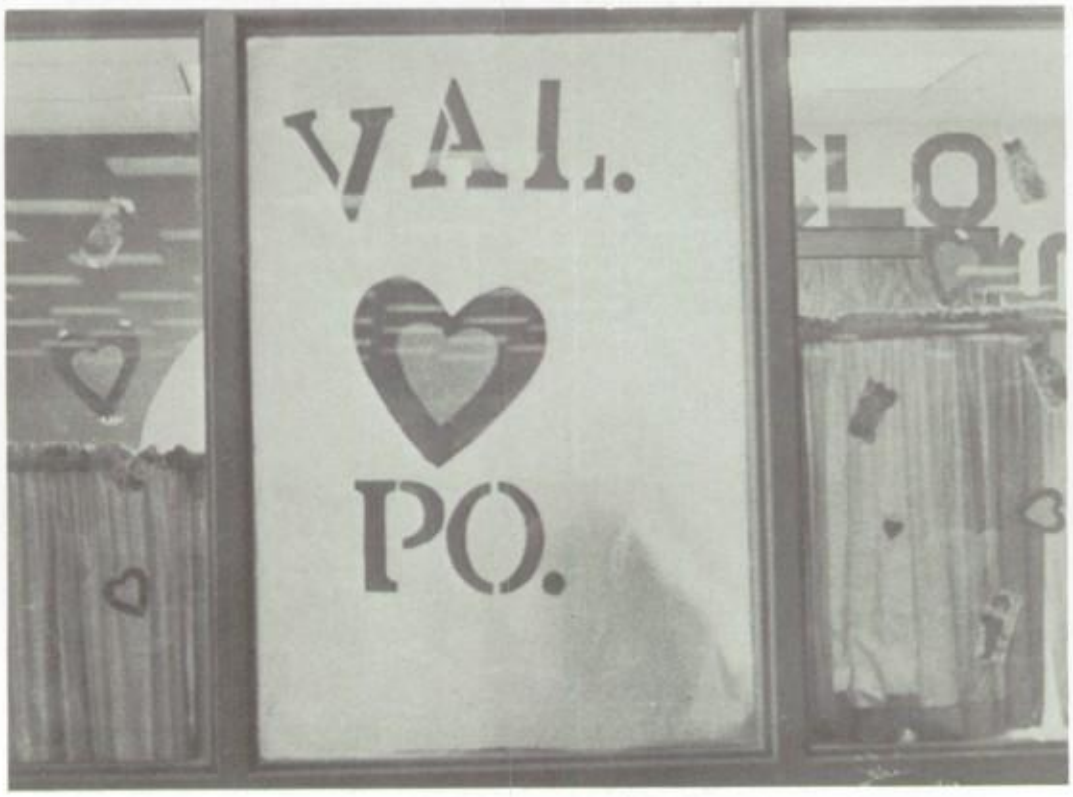


Students chosen for Governor's School. Barbara Tillman receives the honor of attending the Governor's School for the Gifted. Jamie Bollinger is an alternate.

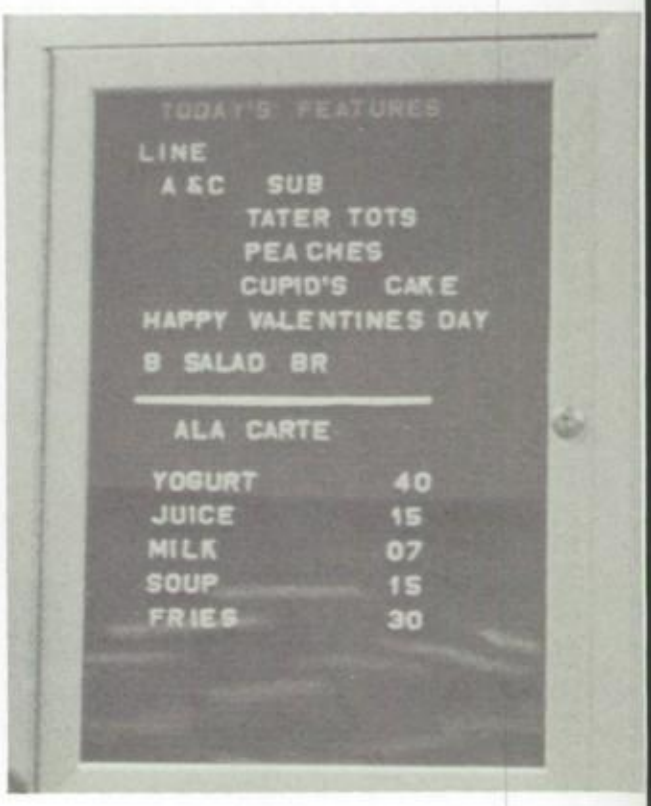
Warrior Band takes a large group to All-Regionals. Pictured are (alphabetically): Christa Arnold, Cathy Barnett, Mary Bird, John Bingham, Stoney Bolte, Cathey Brinson, Jeanne Cole, Louise Dodl, David Ficenec, Kathleen Furey, Joe Havlicek, Barbara Hopkins, Cindy Lineweaver, Erin Litschert, Deanne Morgan, Brenda Oliver, Bryan Slack, David Slayton, David Uttal, Allan Wolf, Andy Wones.

HEART TO HEART

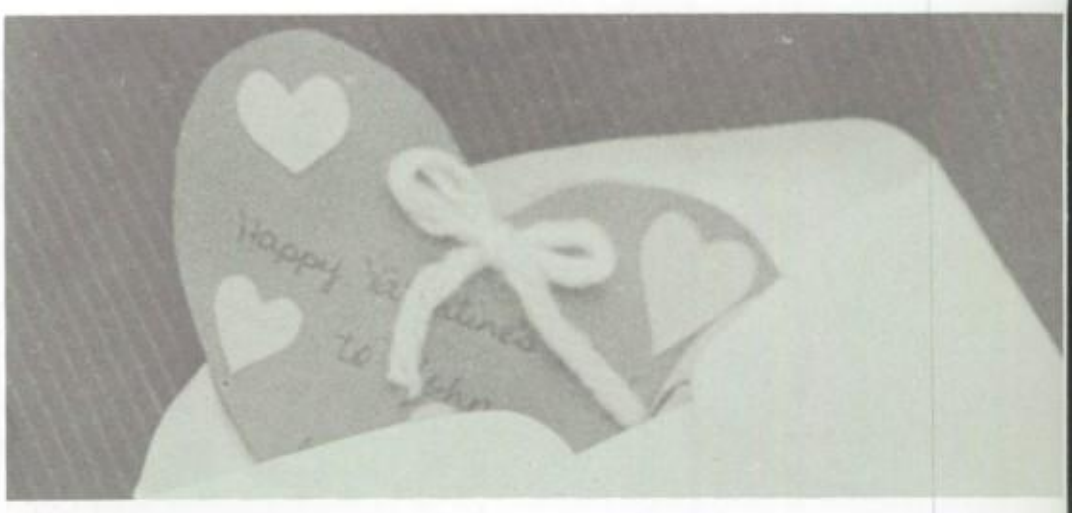
Hearts and Flowers. Sophomore Sylvia Field and freshman Audrey Anderson are ready for Valentine's Day, dressed in red and wearing felt hearts. To make lunch a little more special on February 14, the cafeteria staff prepares a Valentine's menu.



For those who care to send the very best. The Valentine Post Office, sponsored by the Student Council, provides postal service and cards for students wishing to send their friends Valentine wishes.



Bon appetit. On Valentine's Day, students are treated to lunch of a sub, tater tots, peaches, and cupid's cake by the cafeteria.



Ready for shipment. Valentines all over the world await shipment to loved ones. Whether Valentines are mass produced or homemade they still express the same feelings of friendship and love.

Hearts and flowers, lace doilies, and lots of chocolate! Valentine's Day brought interest and helped liven things up at BHS. Students celebrated the holiday in all types of ways.

Students at Blacksburg High School anticipated St. Valentine's Day with much excitement.One week before February 14, the Student Council organized a Valentine's Post Office where students could buy and mail Valentines to their special someones. The cards were then delivered to homeroom teachers, who distributed them.

On the day of the patron saint of lovers, people dressed for the occasion, wearing red and adorning themselves with heart stickers, necklaces, barrettes, rings, and hairbows. Girls made elaborate, old-fashioned Valentines of red ribbon and doilies or baked batches of heart-shaped cookies frosted with pink icing for their sweethearts. Guys dug into their pockets and bought red roses, heart lockets, and boxes of chocolates for girlfriends and mothers.

The cafeteria staff created a Valentine's Day menu which included pink-frosted cake with heart-shaped candies on top. Many students with bag lunches discovered Mom had added Valentine cupcakes or candy to the usual sandwich.

Teachers remembered Valentine's Day, also. Papers graded that day often had "Happy Valentine's Day!" written on them in red ink, and quizzes had heart stickers with Valentine epigrams like "Be Mine." On the fourteenth, class daydreamers doodled cupids practicing archery and frilly hearts all over the pages of their notebooks.

St. Valentine's Day also brought up memories of grade school days, and some students spent lunch reminiscing about the days when they cut out construction-paper hearts, pasted doilies, taped on red lollipops, addressed envelopes in painful printing, and counted valentines received.

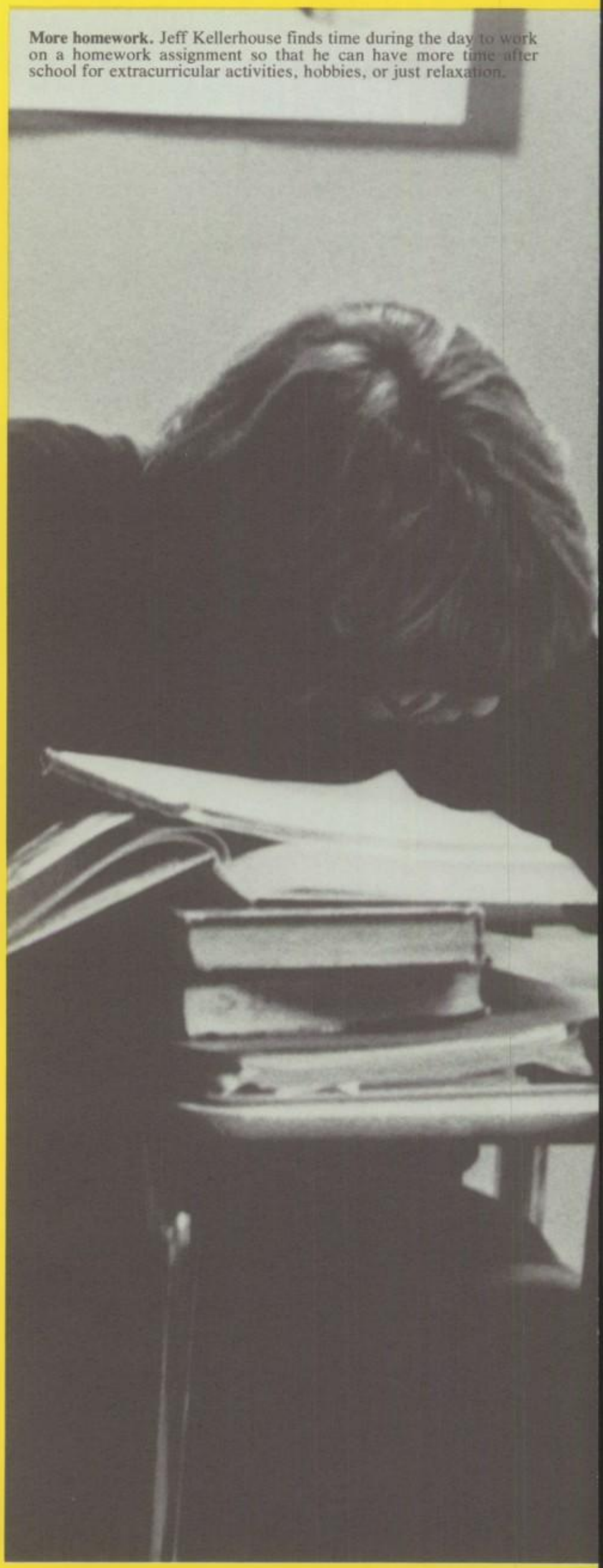
French class made French valentines, with styles ranging from gold-foil pop-art to traditional Victorian. Inside, the French students wrote notes in French, using phrases like "Mon petit chou" (my little cabbage) as expressions of endearment. Several classes had parties, with treats such as raspberry linzertorte, pink cupcakes, sweet-tart hearts, and apple cake decorated with fire hearts and baked in a heart-shaped pan.

Students returned home from school Wednesday, satisfied that another Valentine's Day had been recognized and celebrated in the proper fashion.

At Any Age. Opal Hutchison and Larie Riddle are at that age when giving and receiving special Valentines is important to a relationship between friends. Many friends exchange a variety of Valentines ranging from light-hearted cards to heart-shaped boxes of candy.

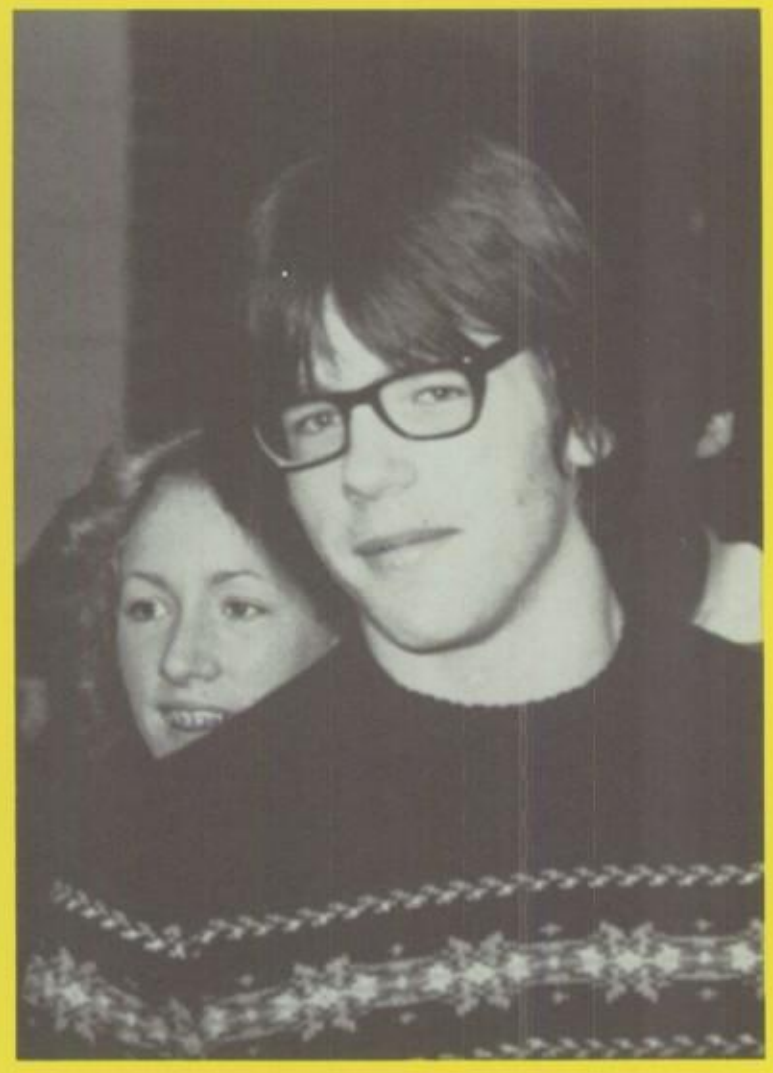
Kiss Me, Kate. Sentimental feelings abound in this Hollie Hobbie decoration that brightens the hallway on Valentine's Day.

Just Try to Imagine Life Without Friends

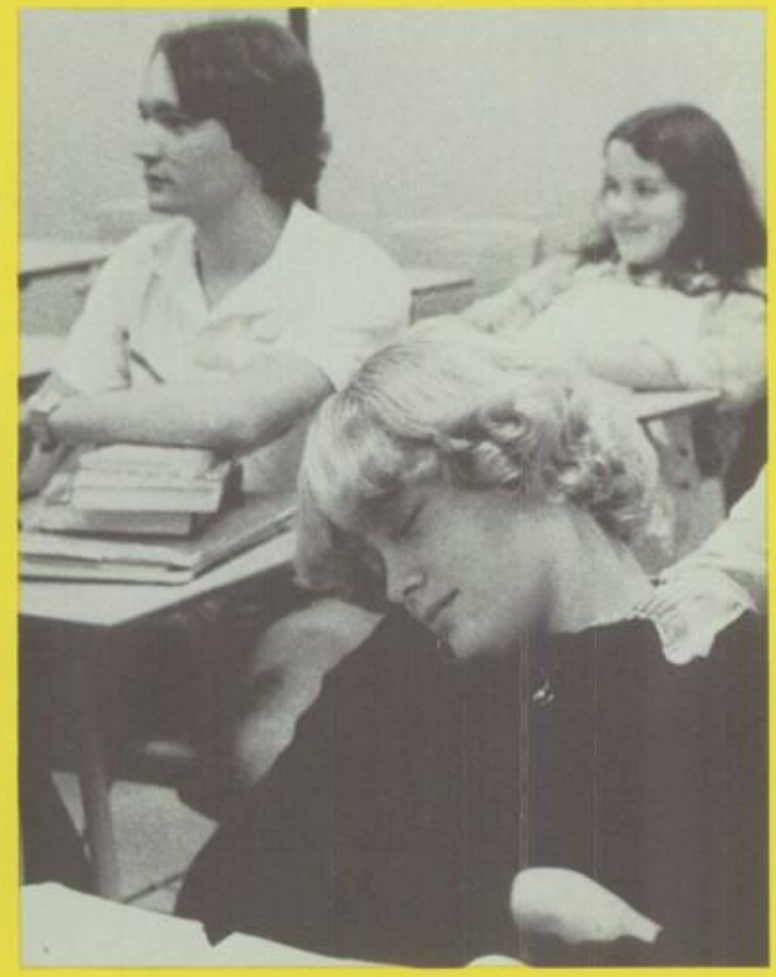


More homework. Jeff Kellerhouse finds time during the day to work on a homework assignment so that he can have more time after school for extracurricular activities, hobbies, or just relaxation.

Candid Camera. Dan Frederick and Kathy Allen encounter a photographer on their way to the next class. Students appreciate the extra time given between classes so that they can stop and talk to friends or go to their lockers without being tardy.



Every individual picture represented a special person continually transforming into someone able to function without adult supervision.



One of Those Days. Lynne Collins falls asleep in homeroom after a long night of studying while Johnny Costain and Andrea Daugherty listen attentively to the announcements.

Class of '79

During the course of its four years at BHS, the class of '79:

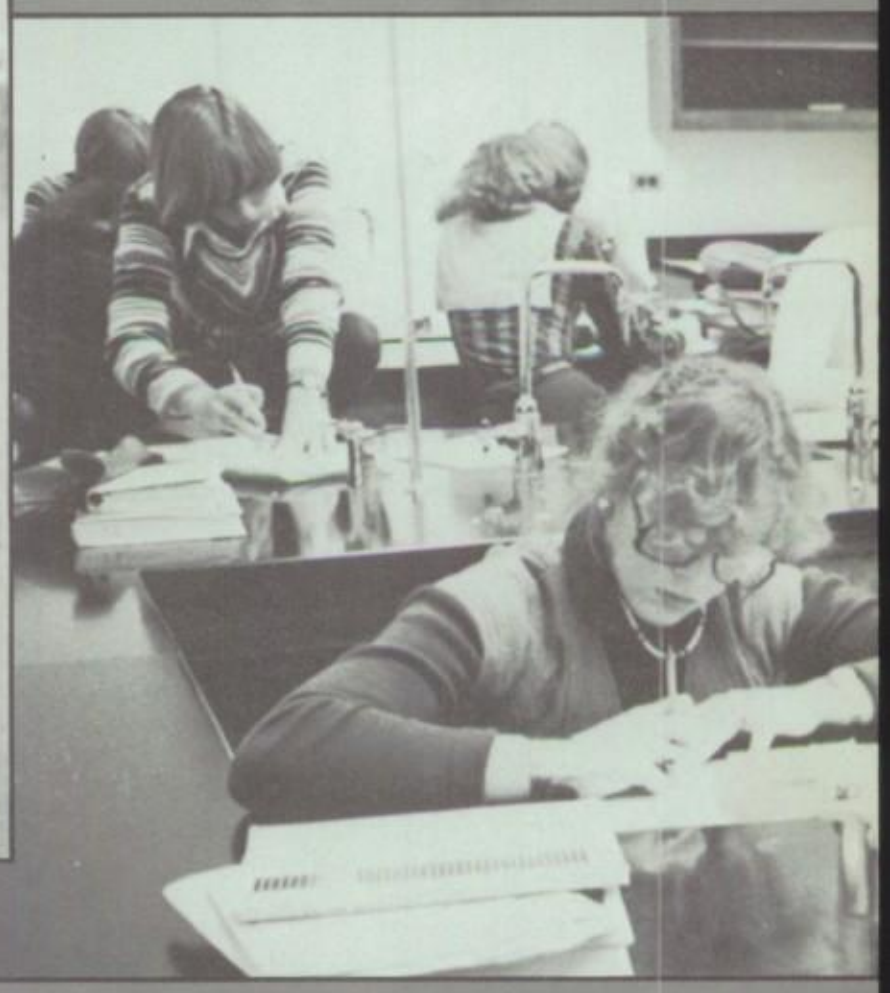
— was the first class to "graduate" from Blacksburg Middle School.
— lived through sun spots and **Romeo and Juliet.**
— left the driving range and practice cars more or less intact.
— was the first class to order class rings in the sophomore year.
— sold penants, t-shirts, pecans, popcorn, cheese and sausage, candy sticks, and tootsie pops.
— survived "The Flood."
— performed the play **Captain Billy's All New Whiz Bang Fun Show,** directed by class member Cliff Bryant.
— had ten NMSQT commendations and three semi-finalists.
— saw the football team win the state championship.
— put on the annual dance entitled "Oriental Fantasy."
— had four different assistant principals.
— elected Olga Ruiz Homecoming queen.
— presented the Christmas dance entitled "Yuletide Folly."
— went to the Bahamas for the senior class trip.
— spent over 1000 hours in detention.
— anticipated graduation with mixed emotions — happy to be moving on, yet a little anxious about what the future might have in store.

Senior Class Officers. Front: Randy Kates (Treasurer), Olga Ruiz (Secretary), Bill Acuff (Vice-President). **Middle:** Mrs. Perkins (Sponsor), Mrs. Sumner (Sponsor). **Back:** Bruce Harrison (Co-President), Carl Schwertz (Co-President).

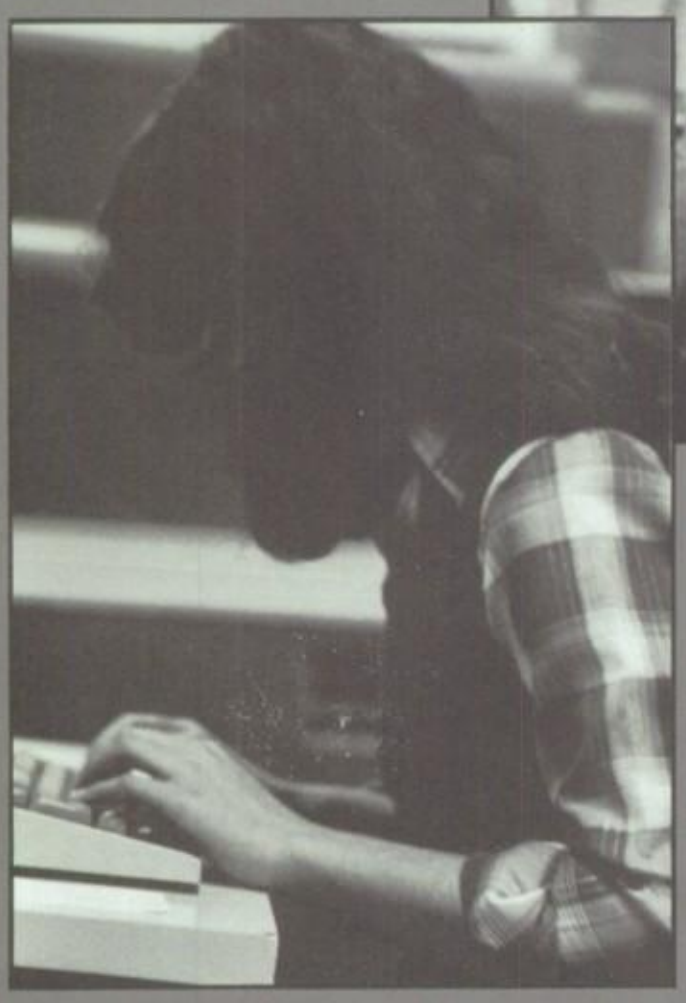
Chairman of the board. SCA president, Clark Strickland, listens to suggestions of council members as he presides over meetings.

Catching up on gossip. Janice Sink and Martha Duncan enjoy an unlisted senior privilege — chatting at the ever-popular "senior radiator." The radiator serves as a meeting place before and after school, and during breaks.

$D=\frac{1}{2}AT^2$? Mr. Weissman's seventh period students, Lisa Smith, Linda Dellers, and Katti Ifju, diligently labor over a physics test.



Developing new skills. Monica Ghosh takes the opportunity to explore a useful career possibility — Data Processing. This class teaches students the fundamentals of accounting, keypunching, and computer programming.



Seniors Awarded

Girls' State. Candidates for Girls' State in 1978 are Becky Worner, Olga Ruiz, Shelley Bowker, Cammie Dugger, Linda Martin, Amy Sanchez, and Carol Parsons. **Not Pictured:** Diane Darcy.

Boys' State. Attendants to Boys' State are Glenn Huffman, Lloyd Bishop, Bobby Whitlock, Doug Wesley, and Bruce Harrison. **Not Pictured:** David Ficenec.

While most students were spending their summer vacation relaxing, nine seniors were attending Girls' and Boys' State. The idea behind this activity was to give a select group of Virginia's students better knowledge of Virginia's governmental system.

Girls' State was held at Longwood College. Attending Girls' State were Olga Ruiz, Linda Martin, Amy Sanchez, and Diane Darcy, an alternate replacing Shelley Bowker. Other alternates were Becky Worner, Cammie Dugger, and Carol Parsons.

Bobby Whitlock, Lloyd Bishop, Glenn Huffman, Doug Wesley, Bruce Harrison, and David Ficenec attended Boys' State which was held at Lynchburg College.

The recipient of the DAR award was Bruce Harrison. This award, given in honor of good citizenship, was sponsored through local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

As juniors, students took the standard PSAT/NMSQT test. Seniors Bobby Whitlock, Amy Sanchez, Karen Gilbert, Rick Lechowich, Lloyd Bishop, Glenn Huffman, Jody Clowes, Cliff Bryant, and David Ficenec were commended for their high scores on this test. Cliff Bryant, David Ficenec, and Jody Clowes went on to become semi-finalists, competing with students nationwide with equally high scores.

Further recognition came to the entire student body as Blacksburg High School was represented on Klassroom Kwiz by David Ficenec, David Uttal, and Rick Lechowich. At their first competition, the panelists defeated defending champions from Alta Vista. BHS fared as well in the next contest and continued on to victory in the next several weeks.

for Achievements

Klassroom Kwiz. David Uttal, Rick Lechowich, and David Ficenec are Blacksburg's contestants on Klassroom Kwiz. These three students lead BHS to retirement as undefeated champions after seven weeks.

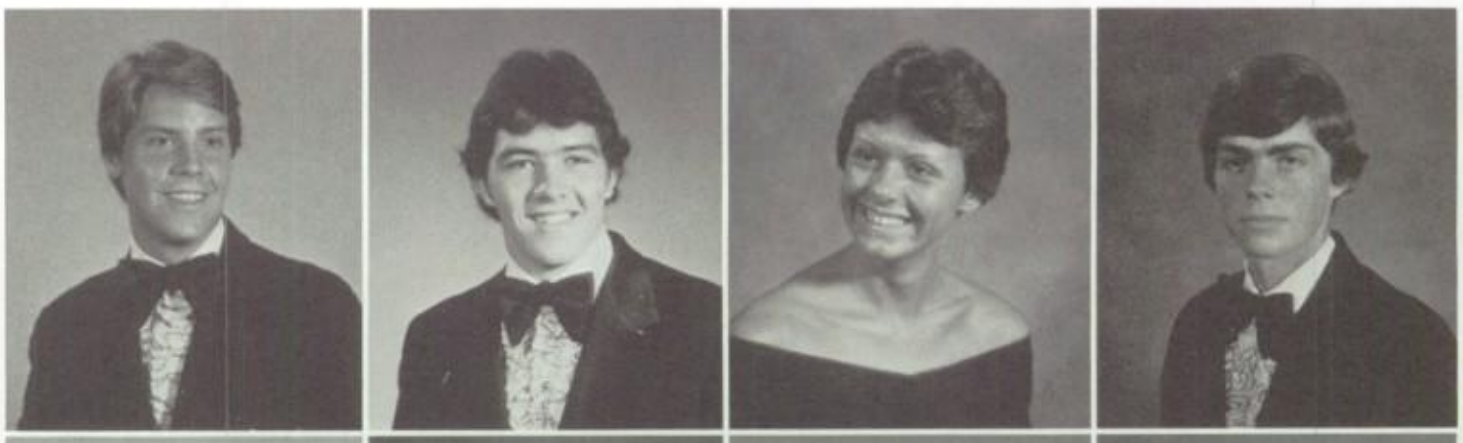
Commended Students. Glenn Huffman, Amy Sanchez, Bobby Whitlock, Karen Gilbert, Rick Lechowich, Carol Parsons, and Lloyd Bishop are commended for their high PSAT/NMSQT scores. Not Pictured are Cliff Bryant, Jody Clowes, and David Ficenec, who go on to become semi-finalists for this achievement.

Along with the many other awards, David Ficenec was nominated to represent Montgomery County in the statewide contest for the selection of two delegates from Virginia to participate in the 1979 U.S. Senate Youth Program. David was also one of eight students in the country nominated for the top two scholarships at the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

Several members of the Class of '79 took the courses needed for graduation during the summer. These early graduates were Sandra Bolleter, Donald Couch, Doug Davis, Tina Duncan, Vicky Hines, Donna Miller, Jeanette Neighbors, Castle O'Neill, Michelle Reece, Kerry Salmon, Gwen Slusser, and Kenneth Smith.

DAR. The DAR award goes to Bruce Harrison in the 1978-1979 school year. He is chosen for this award by his teachers and classmates for his outstanding citizenship.

William Acuff
Billy Akers
Janet Albert
John Allen



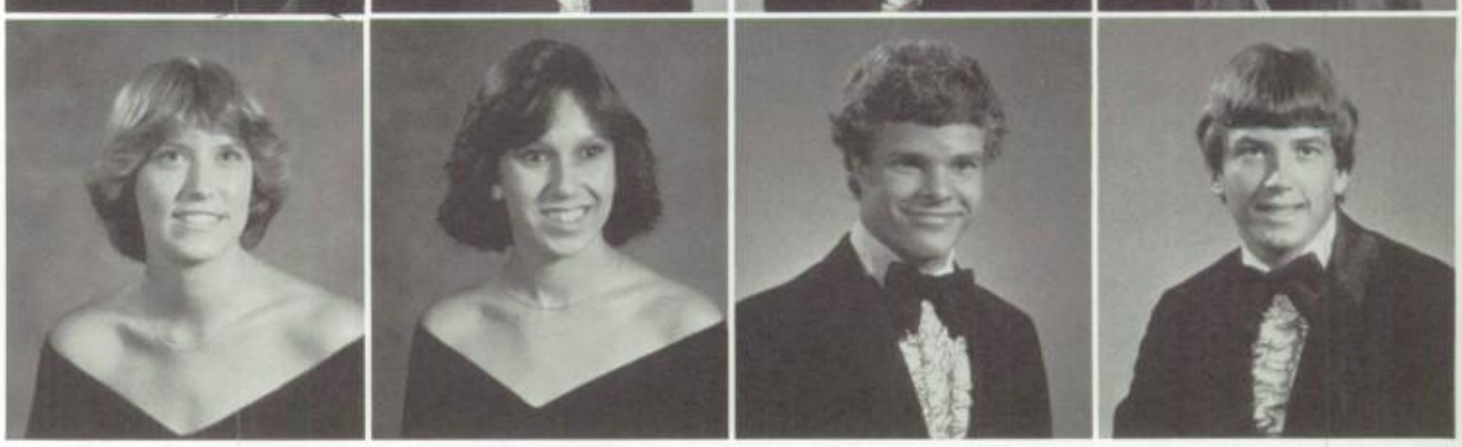
JoAnn Alls
Linda Alls
Shirley Alls
Wanda Alls

Jay Almond
Robin Angle
John Arp
Joseph Arp

Times Go By Swiftly But The

Dianne Atwell
Michael Bame
Scott Beane
Elizabeth Belcher

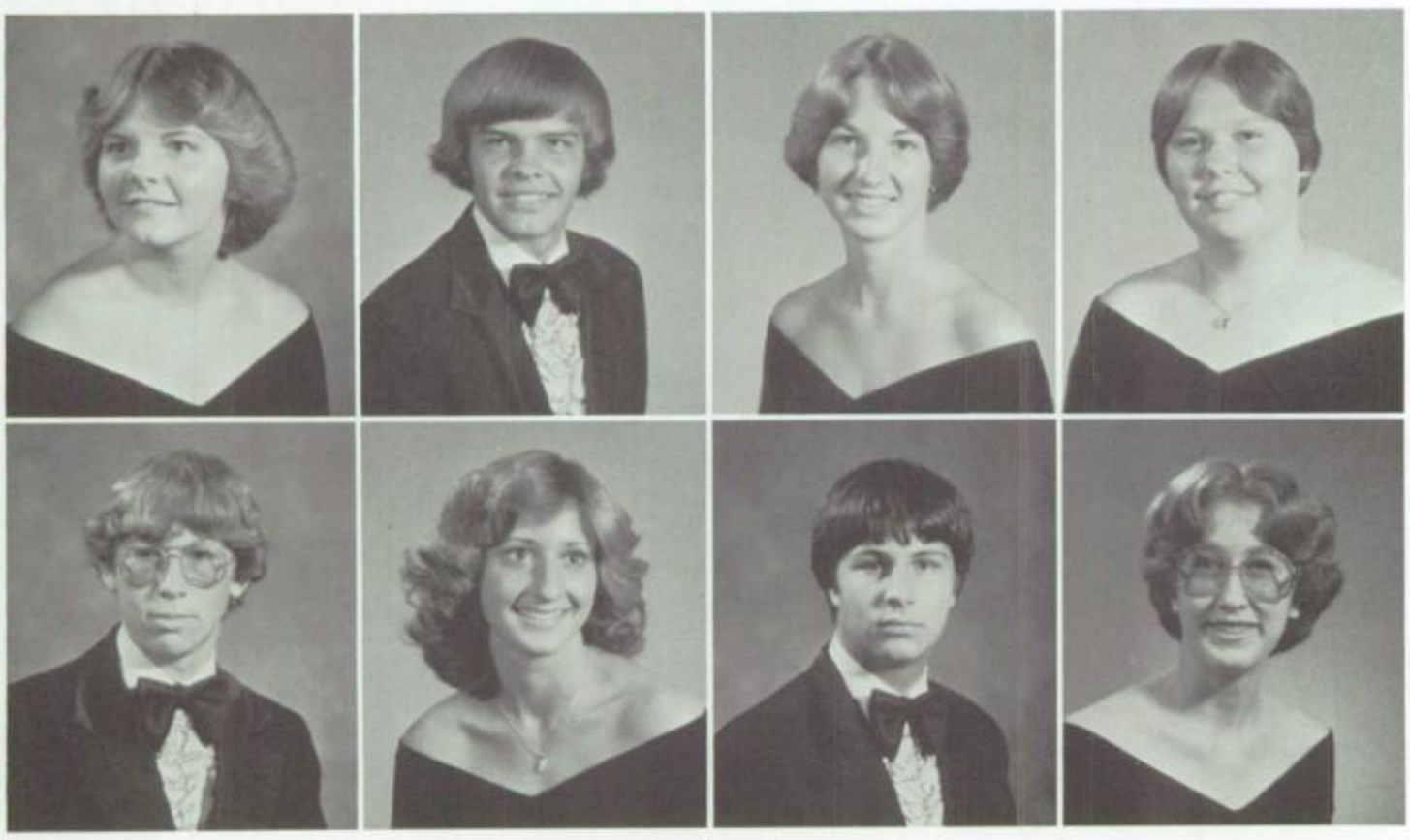
Kelly Bellas
Carolyn Bishop
Lloyd Bishop
Craig Blevins



Concerts — a big part of student life. Rick Lechowich, Becky Worner, David Uttal, and Bill Williams converse while waiting for the Jazz Band Ensemble to begin. This is only one of many concerts that BHS students enjoy throughout the year.

Sandra Bolleter
Michelle Bowker
Edward Bowyer
Clifton Bryant

Memories Linger On For Years



Freda Burch
Randall Burch
Paula Buss
Cathy Caldwell

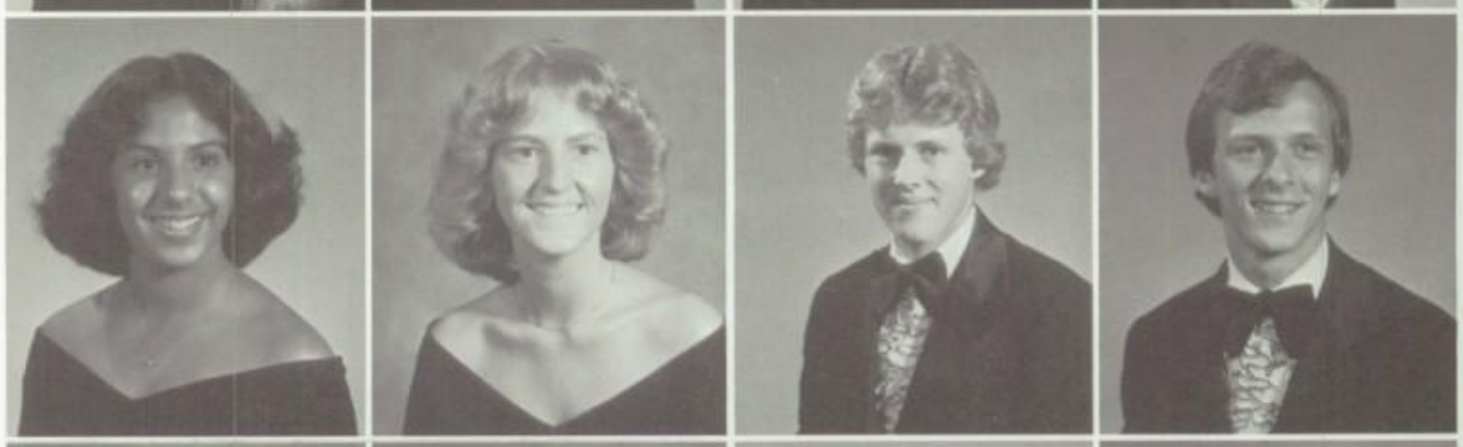
Reginald Caldwell
Cheryl Campbell
Brian Camper
Glenell Carson

180 Days of

Robin Carter
William Christopher
Edward Clayton
Kevin Clevenger

Jeanne Cole
Kathryn Cole
Kimberly Comer
Christopher Compton

Yasmin Contractor
Angela Cook
Gary Cooper
Donald Couch

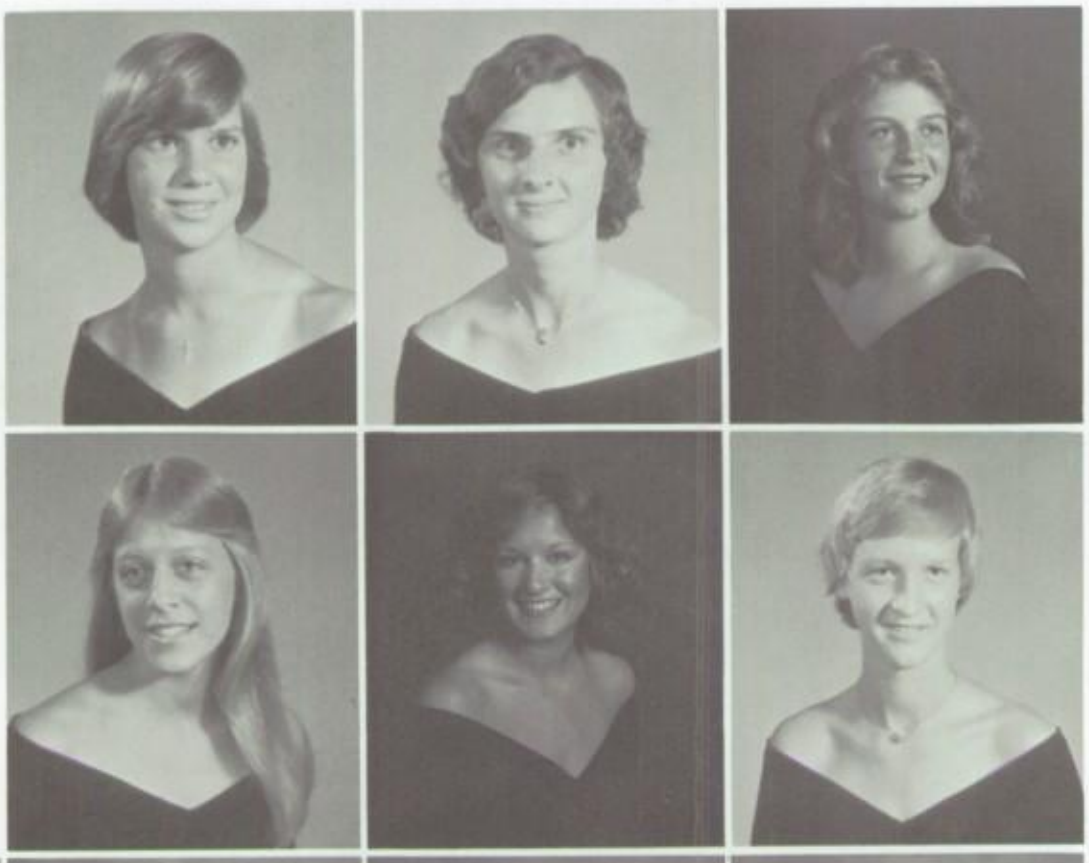


Thomas Criner
Timothy Criner
Willie Criner
Teresa Cupp

Maria deArenas
Rebecca DeBusk

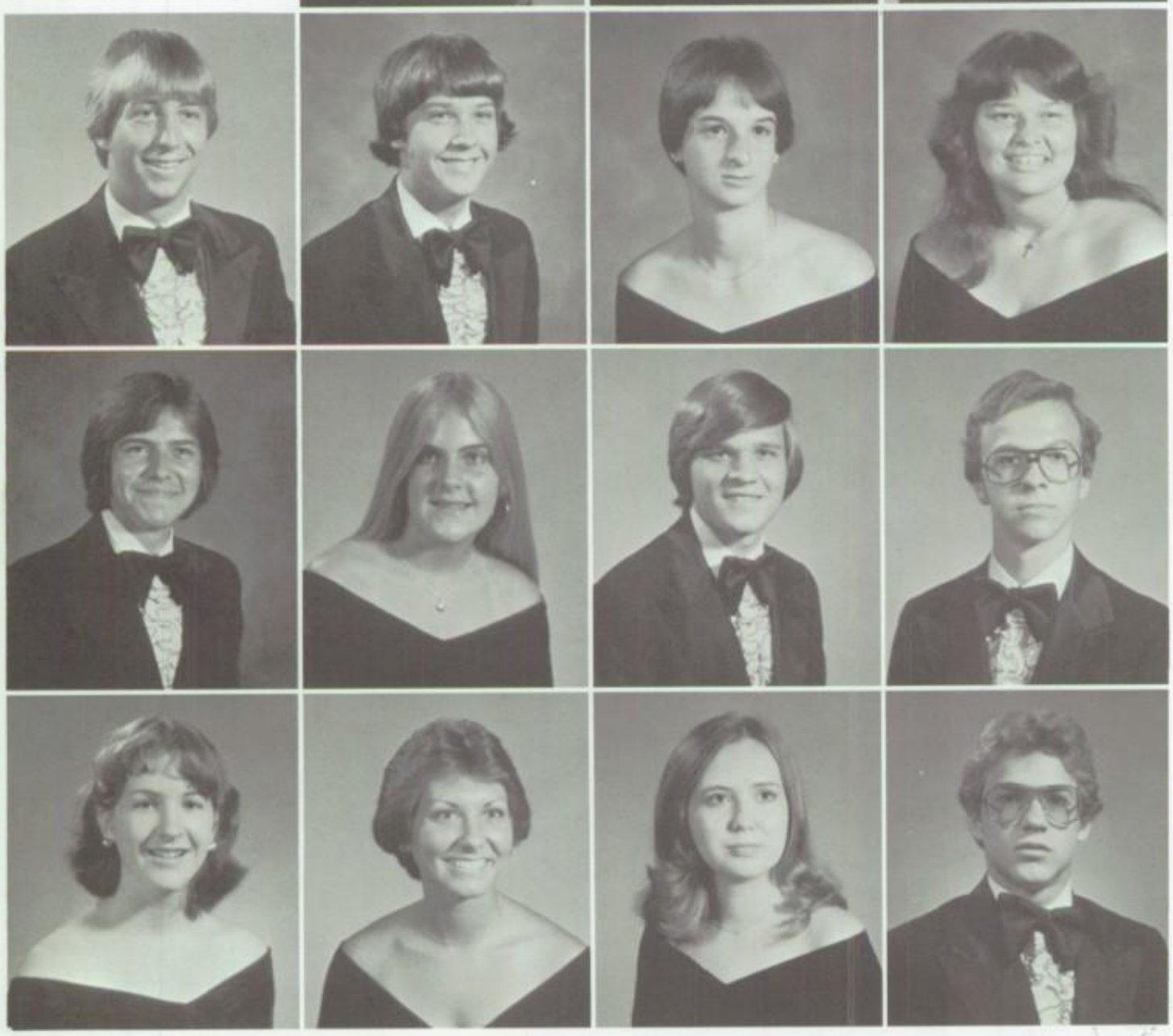
Keeping up with the beat. David Uttal dances to the disco beat at a hop after a football game. Hops give students a chance to get together in a casual setting after the games.

Anticipation and Reflection



Linda Dellers
Lois Dickerson
Louise Dodl

Julie Doss
Cammie Dugger
Martha Duncan

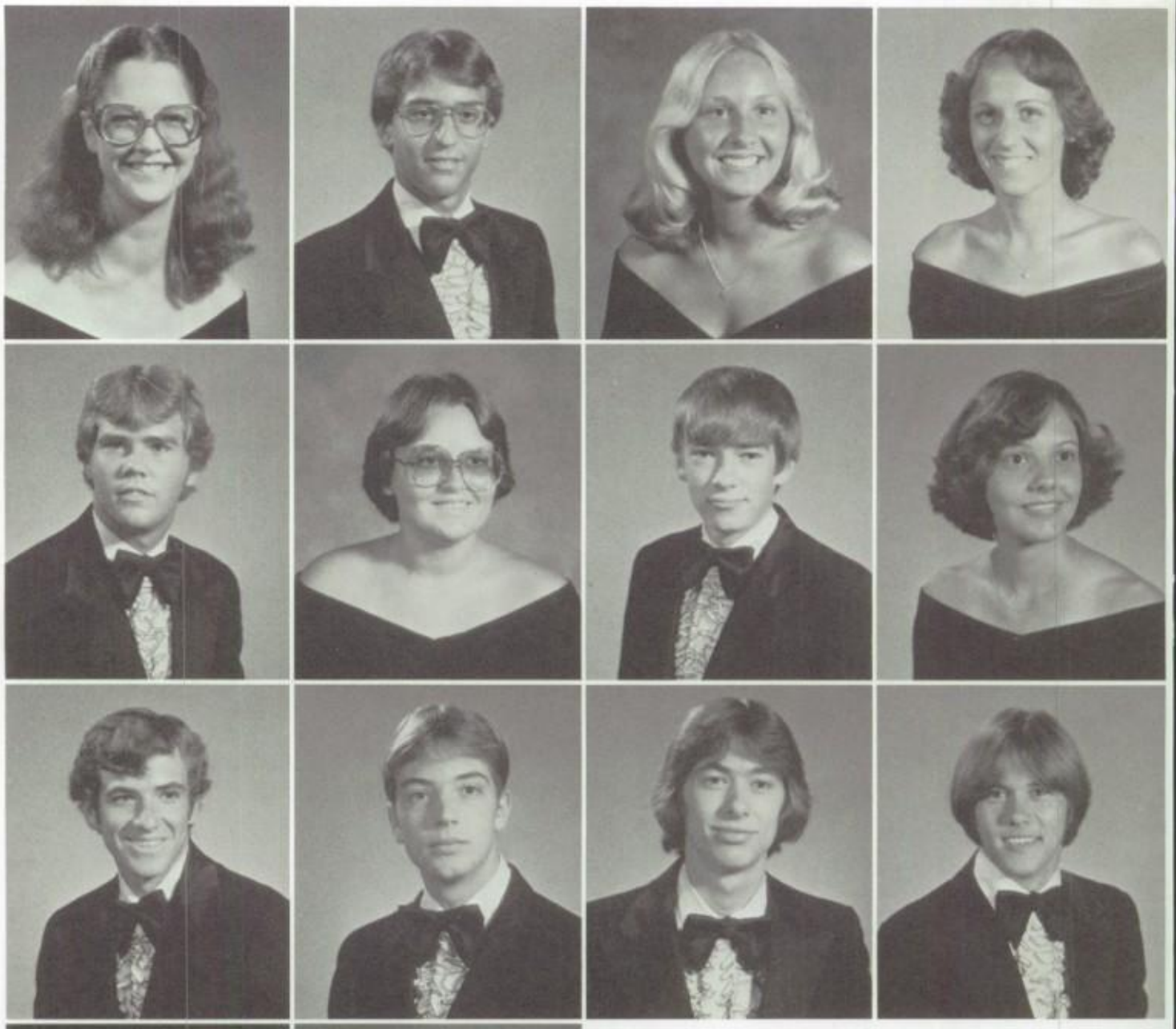


Mark Dymock
Erik Earthman
Susan Elliott
Regina Epperly

Dennis Estes
Gail Evans
David Ficenec
Jeffrey Fortune

Martha Foy
Cynthia Fuller
Jeannie Gay
Martin Gibson

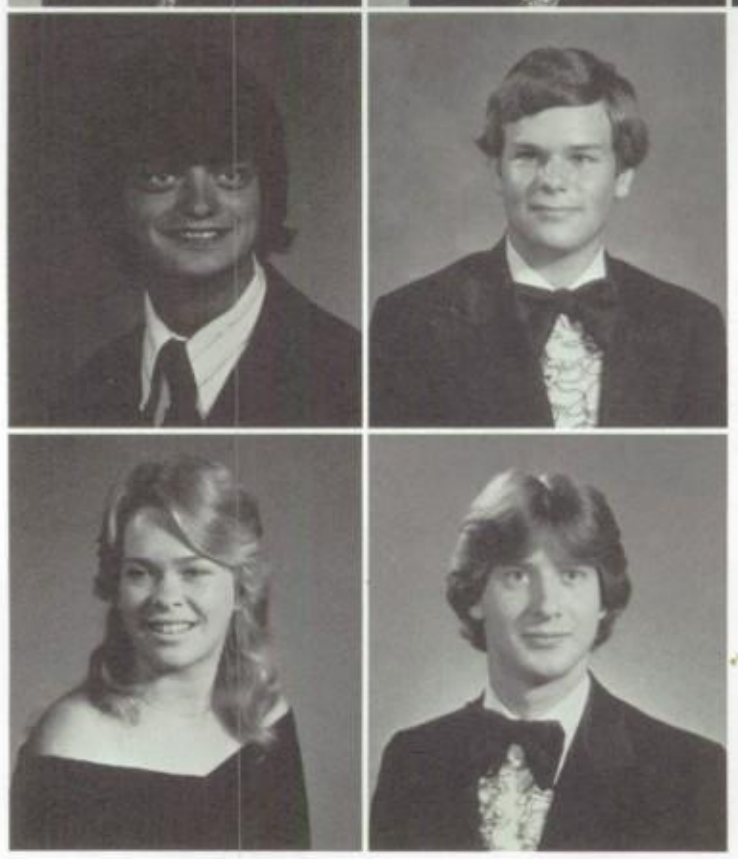
Taking It Easy — Part of



Karen Gilbert
Gary Graves
Tammy Grimes
Donna Guarino

Frank Hale
Rhonda Hale
John Mark Hancock
Lynette Hankins

Bruce Harrison
Theodore Hartenstein
Darnell Harvey
James Henderson



Terry Henderson
Bradley Herakovich

Stephanie Heslep
Randy Hilton

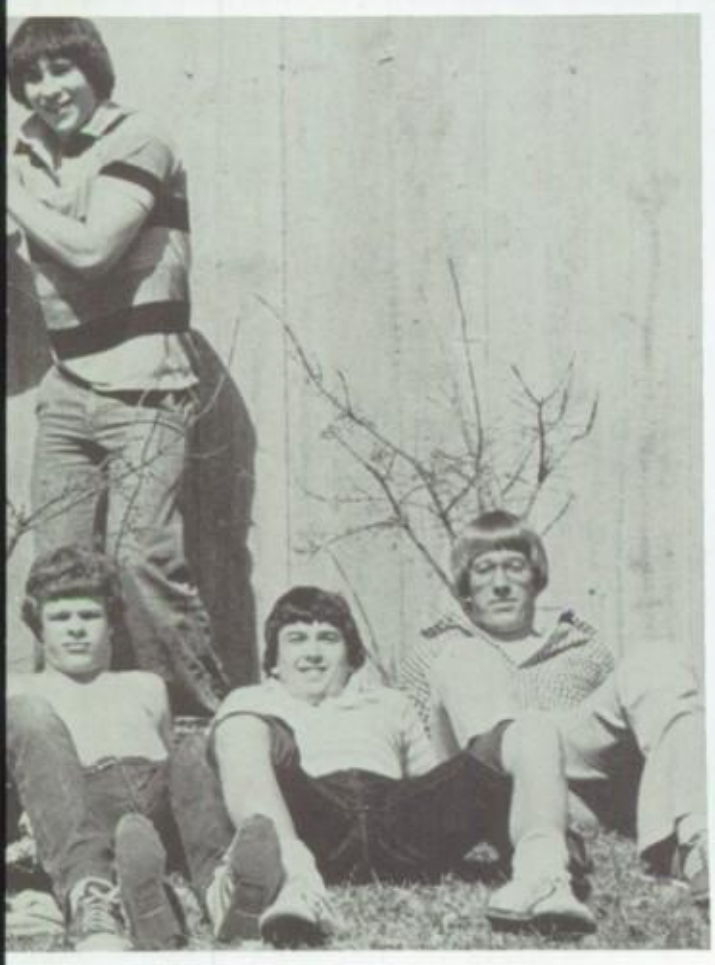
Taking in the sun. Seniors James Torgersen, Kevin Gaysunas, J.B. Obenchain, Mark Padgett, Lloyd Bishop, Craig Blevins, Bobby Whitlock, Bill Christopher, Randy

the Senior Life

Victoria Hines
Michael Hodge
Barbara Hopkins
Glenn Huffman

Katherine Ifju
Kenneth Inger
Enola Jarels
Dewayne Jennings

Andrea Johnson
Donna Johnston
Jeanette Jones
Randy Kates



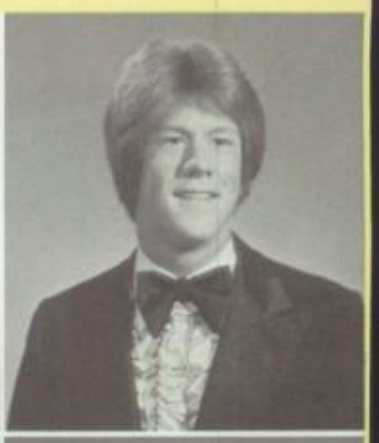
Kates and Doug Stewart take in the sun during study hall on a warm day in spring. Students are always anxious to get outside when warm weather arrives.

Mary Kay Keller
Kimberly Kerekes

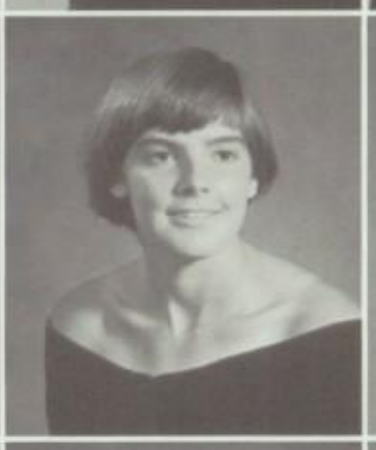
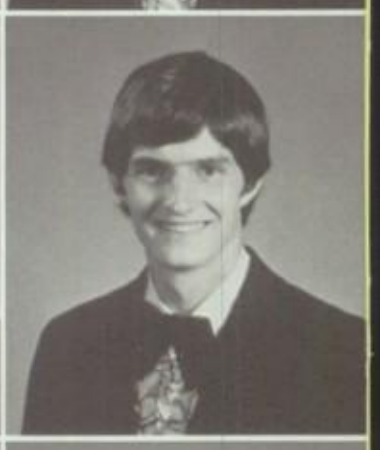
Keith King
Gwen Kinzer

Class of 1979 Sails

Robin Kipps
Tamra Kirkpatrick
Caroline Krebs
John Layman



Sherill Leach
Richard Lechowich
Jo-Anne Lee
Scott Lentner

Robert Leonard
Erin Litschert
Andrew Long
Michael Lovern

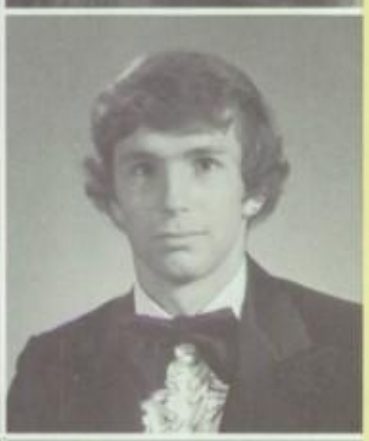
Richard Luckham
Anthony Maderspach

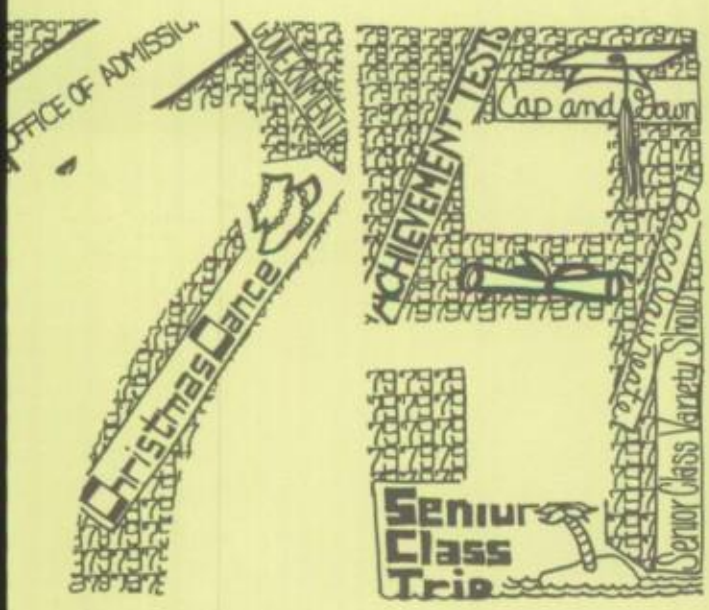
Christopher Marin
Linda Martin

to the Bahamas

Gayle Mason
Harvey Matherly
Kyle McBroom
Sheila McClain

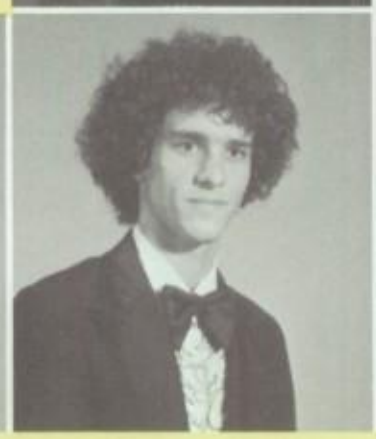
Deanna McCollum
Anita McCoy
Patricia McGrath
Anthony McGuyer





Karen McNitt
Tena Meadows

Donna Miller
Paul Mitchell



Brett Mitchem
Page Moir
Arthur Mook
Robert Moore

Lee Morrill
Scott Mullen
Daniel Murphy
Jeannette Neighbors

Ellen Nelson
Deborah Nemzoff
Regina Noonkester
John Obenchain, Jr.

David Overton
Amby Pack
Mark Padgett
Carol Parsons

Epidemic of Senioritis Strikes

John Paterson
Carol Peachey
Donna Perdue
Stephen Perfater

Deidre Prestrude
Jeffrey Price
Patrick Price
Perry Price

Mr. Morton gets "creamed." Page Moir prepares to "cream" Mr. Morton with a cream pie at the pie-eating contest sponsored by the Key Club. Five junior boys compete against five senior boys in this contest in which three minutes are allotted to eat as much pie as possible. The juniors come out ahead at the end of the time period, and afterwards, the left-over pies are thrown at teachers. The grand finale is two pies thrown at Mr. Laughlin by two students. Proceeds from this assembly go to providing help for a local man suffering from M.S.

Mitchell Rader
Michelle Reece

Sheila Reyna
Eric Ritchey

Daryl Robinson
Kay Robinson

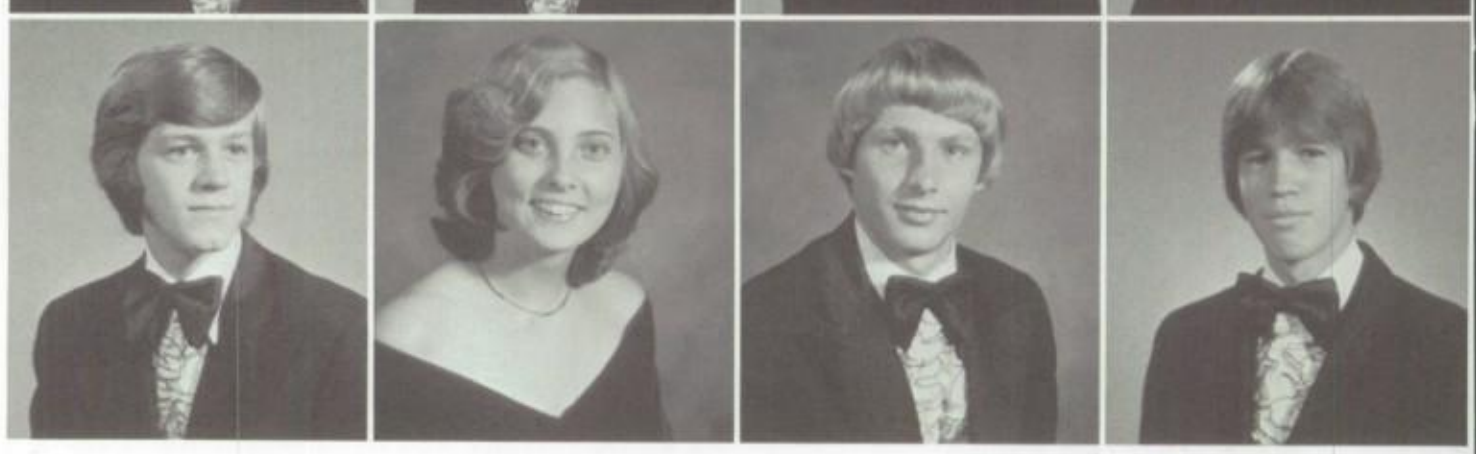
Truda Roper
Thomas Rosenfeldt
Ken Rudisill
Olga Ruiz

Orlando Salinas
Amelia Sanchez
LeRoy Saunders
Toni Sawyers

Joseph Schetz
Meredith Schnitzer
Deborah Schug
Carl Schwertz

Lester Shaver
Ricky Shaver
Connie Shelor
Crystal Shelor

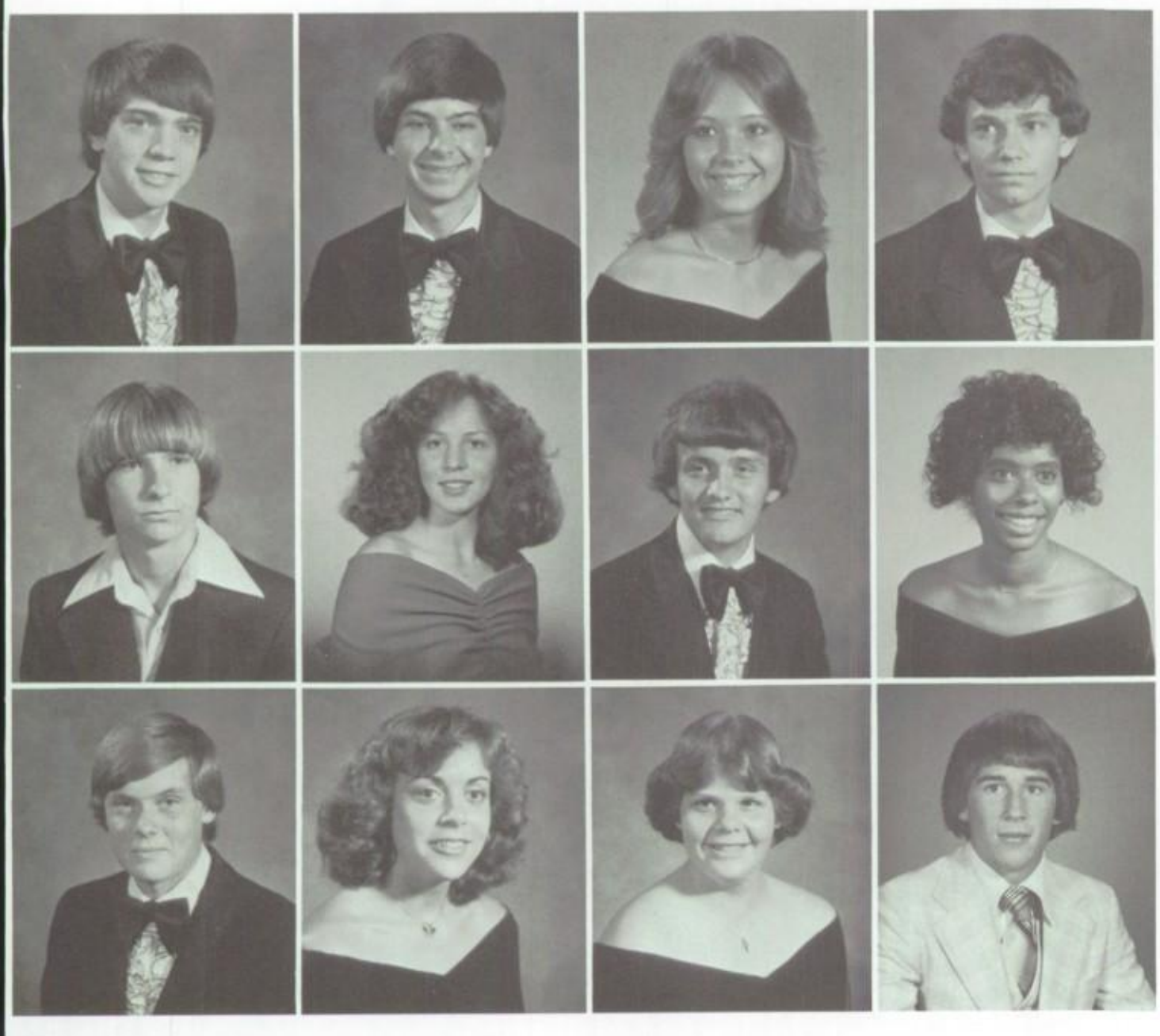
Darrell Sheppard
Gina Sheppard
Victor Sheppard
David Shotts



Students Discover New Responsibilities

Alec Siegel
Sharon Simmers
Walter Simpkins
Cindy Simpson

Janice Sink
Rebecca Skelly
Barbara Skutt
Aaron Slack



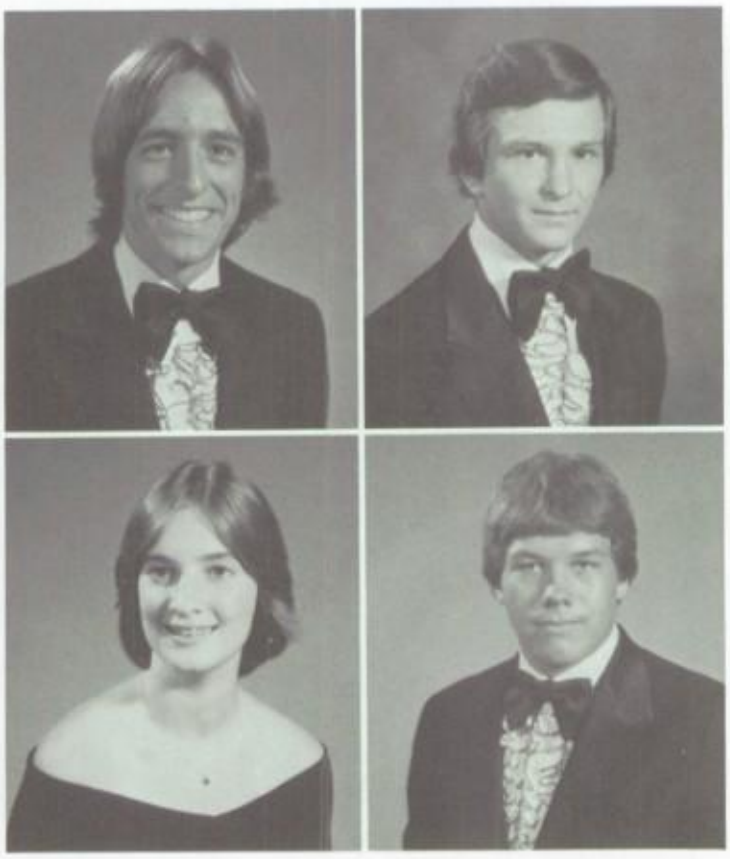
Bryan Slack
David Slayton
Gwen Slusser
Ronnie Slusser

Ken Smith
Lisa Smith
Robert Smith
Denise Snell

Roy Sowers
Hazel Spencer
Anna Stanbery
Douglas Stewart

and Opportunities With Age

Practice makes perfect. Lloyd Bishop and Olga Ruiz dance to the music at the Marriott after taking a dance class. Many students take part in this class, which spends its last two sessions at actual dancing spots to put what students have learned into use. As some seniors turn eighteen, they find more opportunities available to them, such as being able to get into the discos.



Clark Strickland
Marc Sumner

Mary Sword
Stewart Taylor

The Days Are Passing Quickly Now,

Raymond Testerman
Lehaseli Tlou
James Torgersen
Dale Underwood

James Underwood
David Uttal
Jocelyn VandeBerg
Robert VandeVuurst

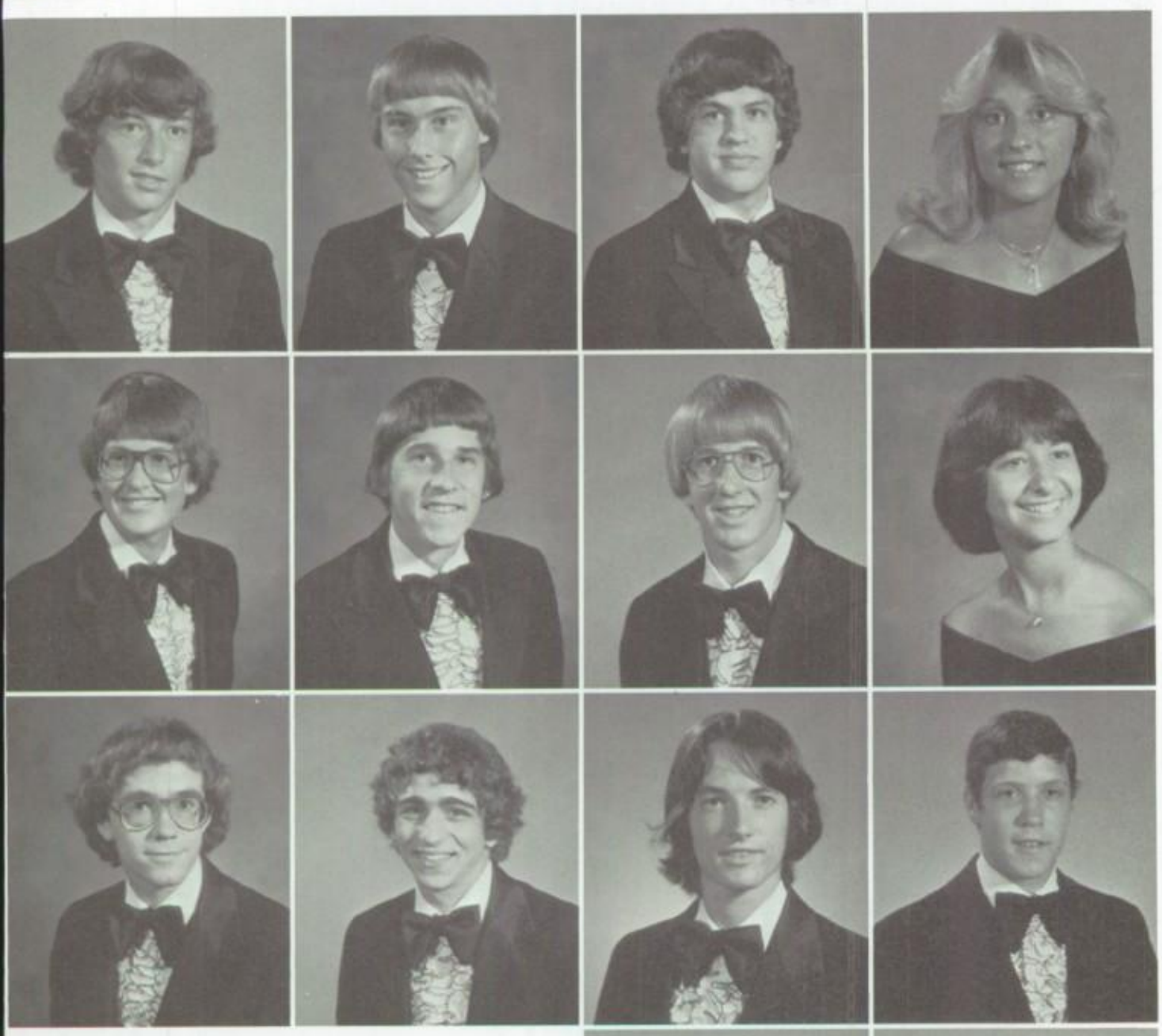
Mitchell Vaught
Ricky Vaught

Suzanne Veit
Dennis Wall

Manners don't count. Randy Kates isn't worried about his manners as he tries to help his team eat its way to victory in the pie-eating contest. Randy is one of the few contestants who finishes with more pie on his face and lap than in his mouth.

Wendy Warshauer
Jeri Watson
Laura Webb
Linda Webb

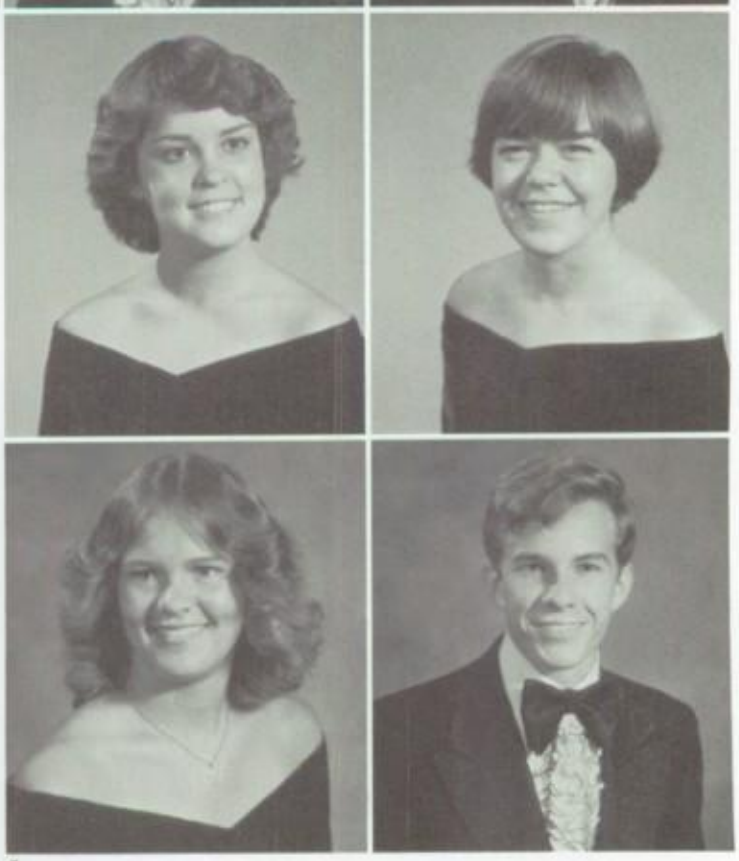
But There's Still So Much To Do



William Webb
Gary Weddle
Owen Wells
Anne Wesel

Douglas Wesley
Peter West
Robert Whitlock
Sharon Wightman

William Williams
Eric Wolf
Andrew Wones
Stephen Woods



Rebecca Worner
Maureen Wright

Tamara Wright
Charles Young

Showing her spirit. Cheerleader Barbara Skutt cuts out pep buttons and locker signs for the football team. This is only one of the many spirit-oriented activities that the cheerleaders organize to support their team.

I'm a senior and I can't believe it. It's taken so long but it's come so fast. I may miss this school, swimming in the library and halls lined with aqueducts.

Coming into the school my freshman year, getting lost . . . and found. A new place and new faces. Tall people, feeling small, and dropping my books while falling up the stairs, unaccustomed to high heels as freshmen are. I still do — fall up the stairs, that is. Never returning library books, bomb threats, and locker checks, the tall and oh so nice senior guys — where are they now? Mr. Dickson had some good jokes — "Well done, as they say in a steak house." Now I work at a steak house.

Times change and sophomore year was not the jump to instant stardom that was expected, but we were all friends and growing more devilish by the minute. Ms. Rivers and her tests — who ever heard of Pope Urban, anyway? Good old Ms. Pace and her overhead projector — where would we be . . .?

And now we were getting somewhere. State AA champions in football and if it hadn't been for our guys . . . well, we wouldn't have made it. Fires on the roof and what did I bring out to save if the whole place decided to mercifully give way and blow up — my Trig. book.

So many new people from different places: Lebanon, Kenya, Denmark; you name it, we had it, and so many concerts: Eagles, Little Feat, Ted Nugent, Aerosmith, and Heart and Foghat and more and more and more fun and so many lazy school days spent at the river, Christmas Dance, and working together on the Annual Dance — a monstrous dragon and some petty arguments over a truckload of bamboo — we were so resourceful. **Saturday Night Fever,** the Bee Gees, more friends, new "cliques," old times, and "Say, what?" and then there was **Saturday Night Live,** and the Coneheads and Rosanna Rosanna Danna and the polyester shirts that smelled like New Jersey and who could forget STEVE MARTIN and King Tut and catcalls.

And then summer and it wasn't long enough but here we were seniors and another crazy year and senior pictures and it really hits you when someone in your class is Homecoming Queen. I cried and girls won State in basketball and Ms. Amos was wild and all of a sudden the guys had this wild fascination with sophomore and junior girls and remember Flindar and now we were applying to colleges when it didn't really seem fair because we hadn't even finished high school yet and it was so strange. Everyone was already under the weather with acute senioritis by Sept. 1 and it was a fun year and making 2000 snowmen for the tables at the Christmas Dance. For me, school was a lot harder and Mrs. Pace still had her overhead with the faulty bulb and **driving** to school every day and by senior year still not knowing where the Retrieval Room was and the roof was fixed and a fun Charlottesville **Pow Wow** trip and signing yearbooks which was so nostalgic and then the senior trip and graduation and crying happy tears and sometimes wishing you could go back again, but no. College would be great and a new start and where to end . . .?

Well, our dreams remained the same but somehow still new, and we'll have kept in touch and cried some at remembering the old days but we'll have made it because we got it together and we liked ourselves and each other.

Jocelyn VandeBerg

All Smiles. Olga Ruiz hugs her escort Scott Mullen after he crowns her as Homecoming Queen. Even though the game is lost, Olga is all smiles.

Heading for home. Linda Martin, Lenny Hankins, Eddie Bowyer, and Randy Kates are ready to go home after a hard day at school. Knowing this is the last year makes the days easier to face.

Looking Back On It All

Boy, the seniors are getting younger every year and this year's seniors are the youngest ever.

I think that I would like to see my classmates again after 10, 15, no make it 25 years, at my 25th class reunion. We'll all be, let's see 33? 39? (18+25=43?), O.K. 43 years old. I can watch everyone sneaking furtive looks at one another's name tags. And no wonder, after 25 years; we'll all be hard to recognize.

— Shelley Bowker? No, you haven't changed a bit, same false leg and platinum blonde hair.

— Mrs. Sumner! You're not Mrs. Sumner, yipe! It's Carol Parsons!

— And over there at the punchbowl, the man with the protruding belly. MOST ATHLETIC, huh? Most Athletic Beer Drinker maybe.

— And look at '79's CLASS FLIRT, the one with six husbands (polygamy will be legal in 2004) and horror! Our MOST DARING in a clerical collar.

— Who's that longwinded man that's monopolizing all conversation. Oh, MOST SINCERE, the politician.

— Yuch, look at that scroungy wino that just stumbled in the door. Wait, don't throw out MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED!

— Now where's the BEST LOOKING girl of '79!

Oh no, not that mushroom shaped woman with the cat eye glasses and false eyelashes and . . . braces!

— Look over there at that blinding flash of clothing that's BEST DRESSED of 1979 in the new fashion for 2004 — red and pink sequined three piece suit with fuzzy bedroom slippers.

— Oh, ROMEO and JULIET are still together after all these years. I wonder why she poured the punch bowl over his head?

— Ah, well MOST SCHOLARLY hasn't let me down. She's over there reading, maybe Shakespeare or Dickens or Kipling. What, **Sesame Street Pop-Up Book of Riddles?**

— Meredith Schnitzer

Getting it all together. Linda Webb and Tammy Grimes help a senior class sponsor get everything organized for the year's events, including the Christmas Dance and the class trip.

Being a Senior really has been not very different than being a junior or sophomore. However a lot more was expected of a Senior because of the assumed maturity and intelligence that were supposedly acquired from twelve years of schooling.

Of course, seniors were more intelligent. After ten, no eleven, no twelve years of education, "we's real smart." We can add, subtract, and spell our names. We have mastered the English language and can speak it like natives. We can name the seven continents: Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, Russia, Indiana, and Chicago. We can list 39 presidents, beginning with Booker T. Washington and ending with George McGovern.

We know all about the stomping giants that create earthquakes and can label the makeup of an atom: neutrons, protons, and white blood cells. We can relate the story of Huck Finn's adventure in the cave with Injun Joe and can retell the brutal murder of Julius Caesar by the villain Macduff.

In addition to this intelligence, there is the new maturity that enabled some Seniors to participate in politics. Yes, Seniors helped elect John Worner to the House of Representatives and Russel Duncan to the Senate.

Seniors got special privileges for these admirable traits. Besides the early lunch privilege and the assembly privilege, Seniors also had the Senior picture privilege. What other class got to pay such an exhorbitant price for seemingly the same pictures?

Recording session. Art Mook prepares to record a concert by the Jazz Ensemble at Squires. He is only one of many who attends this event.

So, I guess Seniors were treated differently because they merited special treatment. After all, "we Seniors is the hope of the future and the 'liters' of tomorrow!"

Seniors Rest

Abboud, Nadim Elias FBLA 12; NHS 12.

Acuff, William Dean Out. Track 9 (letter); In. Track 10 (letter); Latin 9,11 (pres.); TAA 10 (exec. council); S.C. 10,11 (reporter), 12 (member at lrg.); Class off. 12 (v. pres.).

Akers, Billy Wayne Football 9-12 (letter); Key Club 10-12; Basketball 9; Baseball 9,10; Track 9-12 (letter); Boys' Mono. 11,12.

Albert, Janet Louise FBLA 10,11 (hist. and reporter), 12 (v. pres.); GAA 10.

Allen, John Phillip VICA 12.

Alls, JoAnn Stafford Pep 9-12, GAA 9-11; FFA 11.

Alls, Linda Sue Pep 9,10; VICA 11,12.

Alls, Shirley Ann

Alls, Wanda Gayle VICA 10-12.

Almond, Clinton Jay

Anderson, Julie Longworth Archery 9-10; Law Enforcement 9; TAA 12; VICA 12; FHA 12.

Angle, Robin Reni GAA 9,10; Pan Am. 9; Photography 10; FBLA 11.

Arp, John Henry Tennis 10,11; Key Club 11,12; FBLA 12; NHS 12.

Arp, Joseph Leon Science 9; Math 10; Key Club 11,12; NHS 11,12; Acad. letter 11; FBLA 12.

Atwell, Alda Dianne GAA 9-11; Out. Track 9,10; Pan Am. 10; Concert Choir 10-12; Pep 9-11; Art 12; Christmas Dance Comm. Chairman; Volleyball 12; Va. Tech Sr. Art Show.

Bame, Michael Allen Stage Crew 9-11 (mgr.) & 12 (mgr.); TAA 9-12; Football 10,11 (trainer); FBLA 12.

Beane, Scott Winston Pan Am. 9; Art 9; Baseball 9 (mgr.); Football 10 (mgr.); VICA 10-12.

Belcher, Elizabeth Gray FBLA 9,10; GAA 9.

Bellas, Kelly Mary Pep 9-12; GAA 9-12; Spring Fest. Attend. 9,10; Homecoming Attend. 10,12 (cand. for Queen); Basketball 10; Class off. 10 (tres.); Art 10; **Web** 10; Concert Choir 11,12; Comm. Chairman Annual Dance 11; Music 12 (sec.); Cheerleader 12.

Bishop, Carolyn Yvonne Pep 9; DECA 10.

Bishop, Lloyd Willard NHS 11,12; Key Club 11; French NHS 11; Acad. Letter 11.

Blevins, Craig Forrester Football 9-12; FCA 9-12; Key Club 10-11; Boys' Mono. 12.

Bowker, Michelle Lynne GAA 9-11; Girls' Mono. 9-11 (v. pres.) & 12 (v. pres.); S.C. 9-11; Basketball 9-12; Tennis 9-12; Pep 9,10; French 9,10; Art 10; Class Off. 10 (sec.) & 11 (pres.); Annual Dance Comm. 11; Spring Fest. Attend. 11; **Tattle Tale** 11; Comm. Chairman Christmas Dance 12; **Pow Wow** 12.

Bowyer, Paul Edward, Jr. Football 9-12 (letter) In. Track 9 (letter), 10-12; Out. Track 9,10 (letter); Baseball 11 (letter) & 12; Boys' Mono. 11,12.

Broome, Donald L.

Bryant, Clifton Dow Jr. Class Play 9-11; (dir. & writer.); Variety Show 9; TAA 9,10 (bd. of Dir.), 11 (pres.) & 12 (v. pres.); Lead in Musical 11; NHS 12.

Burch, Freda Danett Pan Am. 9,10; Pep 9-11; GAA 9-11; Out. Track 9,10; Cross Country 9; Art 10-12 (pres.); Rad. New River Dist. Art Show 10 (hon. Mention) & 12; Rad. High School Art Show 11; Volleyball 12; Va. Tech Sr. Art Show 12.

Burch, Randall Duane Football 9-12; Out. Track 9,10; Boys' Mono. 12.

Buss, Paula LeAnn Pan Am. 9-12; NHS 11,12; Laurel Chain 11.

Caldwell, Cathy Lynn FHA 9,12 (HERO); FFA 10.

Caldwell, Reginald Wayne Latin 9,10; Baseball 10; Football 11,12; Art 12.

Campbell, Cheryl Lynn Choir 9-11 (letter), Pep 9-12 (v. pres.) GAA 9-11; Music 9; Track 9,10 (letter); Annual Dance Comm. Chairman 11; FBLA 12; Sadie Hawkins Chairman 12.

Camper, Robert Brian Football 9-12; Basketball 9; Boys' Mono. 11,12; Baseball 9-11 (Hon. Mention), 12 (all Dist. & 2nd Team All Va. Highlands).

Carson, Glenell Louise Pan Am. 9,11 & 12; **Pow Wow** 11,12 (clubs ed.); NHS 12.

Carter, Linda Robin VICA 10-12.

Christopher, William Henry Spanish 9; Science 9; FCA 9; Football 9-12; Music 9; Key Club 11,12; Boys' Mono. 12.

Clayton, Edward Romth

Clevenger, Kevin Douglas Spanish 9; FCA 9,10; Band 9-11; Football 9,10 & 12; Basketball 9,10; Track 9; Key Club 10,11; Boys' Mono. 10,12; Tennis 10-12; Music 11.

Clowes, Jody Elizabeth

Cole, Kathryn Marie

Comer, Kimberly Rene

Compton, Christopher Eric

Contractor, Yasmin Dinshaw Pan Am. 9-12; Pep 9; FBLA 11,12.

Cook, Angela Marie FHA 9; VICA 10-12; FTA 10.

Cooper, Gary Wayne DECA 10; ICT 11.

Couch, Donald Wayne

Criner, Thomas Woodrow Art 9,10; VICA 11,12.

Criner, Timothy Eugene Art 9,10; VICA 11,12.

Criner, Willie James DECA 11 (v. pres) & 12 (v. pres.)

Cupp, Teresa Lynn Gymnastics 9,10; Pep 9-12; GAA 9-11; FBLA 12; Chairman Sadie Hawkins.

Curtis, Lynn David Art 9; VICA 12.

deArenas, Maria Helenia Internat'l 12.

DeBusk, Rebecca Faye Hi-Y 9; Spanish 11,12; **Pow Wow** 11,12 (co-editor); Acad. Letter 11; NHS 12.

Dellers, Linda Marie French 10-11.

Dickerson, Lois Jean FHA 12.

Dodl, Louise Park Music 10; Majorette 11,12 (head maj.); All County Band 11; All Regional Band 11.

Doss, Julie Ann

Dugger, Cammie Desmond Basketball 9,10; Pep 9-11; GAA 9-11; Cheerleader 10,12; Girls' Mono. 10,11; Track 11; Homecoming Att. (cand. for Queen).

Duncan, Martha Ann Basketball 10; Volleyball 11; Pep 10,11; GAA 10; FBLA 11.

Duncan, Tina Louise

Dymock, Mark Atkinson Football 9-12; Basketball 9-12; Track 9-12; Key Club 10-12; FCA 9-12; Boys' Mono. 11,12.

Elliott, Susan Renee Acad. Letter 11; VICA 12; NHS 12.

Epley, Cordia Lynn

Epperly, Regina Sue Pan Am. 10; GAA 10; FBLA 10-12 (pres.); Volleyball 10.

Estes, Dennis Ray Agric. Mech. 9,10; FFA 9,10; DECA 10; VICA 11.

Evans, Gail Leigh Basketball 9-12; French 10-12; Jr. Class Play 11; Volleyball 11; **Pow Wow** 12, TAA 11.

Ficenec, David John Science 9,11 (v. pres.); Math 10,11; All County Band 9,11; Gov. School 10; French Natl. Honor Soc. 11,12; Student Council 12; Fin. William Randolph Hearst Sen. Yth. Pro.; Natl. Honor Society 12 (pres.).

Fortune, Jeffery Layne Art 9, Art Show (3).

Foy, Martha Ellen Hi-Y 9; Math 10; French 10-12 (pres.); **Pow Wow** 12 (art ed.).

Fuller, Cynthia Ann GAA 9-11; Pep 9-11; Basketball 9; Cheerleading 10; **Pow Wow** 11.

Gay, Jeannie Marie FBLA 10-12 (sec.).

Ghosh, Monica

Gibson, Thomas Martin

Gilbert, Karen Lynn Pan Am. 9-12; Choir 9,10; TAA 10; NHS 12.

Graves, Gary Lee Golf 9,10,11,12; VICA 10,11 (pres.) 12; Track 11.

Grimes, Tammy Jo Cheerleading 10,11; Pep 9-12; GAA 9-11; TAA 12; **Tattle Tale** (ed.-in-chief) 12; Homecoming Attend. 12; Girls' Mono. 12.

Guarino, Donna Lynn Track 9,10; Pep 9,10; FBLA 12; Volleyball 11.

Hale, James Franklin Football 10-12; Boys' Mono. 12; VICA 12; FCA 10.

Hale, Rhonda Jean

Hancock, John Mark FFA 9-11 (sec.) & 12; Natl. Honor Society 11,12.

Hankins, Lynette TAA 9,10,12; Latin 9-11; NHS 12.

Harrison, Bruce Edward Pan Am. 9,10; FFA 9-12; TAA 10-12; Stage Crew 9-12; Tennis 9-12 (co-captain); Student Council 12.

Hartenstein, Theodore Ernest Science 9-11; Debate 12; Latin 11; Forensics 11, CAP 9-12.

Harvey, Stephen Carrell

Henderson, James Dean

Henderson, Terry Dean

Herakovich, Bradley Thomas Key Club 10-12; Science 11,12 (pres.).

Heslep, Stephanie Faith FBLA 9,10; FHA 10-12.

Hilton, Randy Lee

Hodge, Michael Keith

Hopkins, Barbara Jeanne Warrior Band 9-12; FTA 10 (sec.); TAA 12; Music 12; Choir 12.

Huffman, Glenn Johnson Pan Am. 9,10; Science 9; Boys' Mono 10-12; NHS, 11 & 12; Who's Who In American High Schools; Football Mgr. 10-12; Baseball mgr. 9-12.

Hungate, Dana Gail

Ifju, Katherine Margaret GAA 9,10; TAA 9-12; Pan Am. 9-12; Latin 9-12; Track 9.

Inger, Kenneth Sterling French 11-12; Science 11,12; Art 12; Football 12.

Jarels, Enola Gay

Jennings, Dewayne Jonathan VICA 10-12.

Johnson, Andrea Lynn Choir 9,11; Pan Am. 10-12; **Pow Wow** 11,12; Laurel Chain; NHS 11,12; Academic letter; Music 11; Humanities Seminar 10; Honors English 11.

Johnston, Donna Elaine FHA 9; Pep 10,11; GAA 10,11; FBLA 12.

Jones, Jeanette Marie

Kates, Randy Lee Basketball 9-12; Football 10-12; Key Club 9-12; Spring Fes. Atten. 9-11; DECA 10; Boys' Mono. 11; Pep 11,12; French 12.

Keister, Rose Ann

Keller, Joel Frank FFA 10; Cross Country 10; Track 10,11.

Keller, Mary Kay Art 11; Academic letter; Pep 12.

Kerekes, Kim Marie Pan Am. 9-11; FBLA 12.

Kinzer, Gwendolyn Hurt

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Kipps, Sally Robin

Kirkpatrick, Tamra Jane French 9-12; Fren. NHS 1,12; Library Asst. 10-12; Laurel Chain 11; Academic letter.

Krebs, Caroline Szymborska Pep 9; GAA 9; Tennis 0; French NHS 10,12 (sec.); French 10,12 sec.); Art 12 (tres.); NHS 12.

Layman, John Everrett Band 9,10; Baseball 9 mgr.); VICA 9-12; Pan Am. 10; Annual Dance Constr. Comm. 11.

Leach, Sherill Ruth Pep 9; Band 9,10.

Lechowich, Richard Alan Pan Am. 9; All Reg. Band 0; M.C. of Spring Fest. 11; Dist. Comp. in Forenics 11; Band Capt. 12; TAA 12 (pres.); Debate; NHS 12; Band 9-12.

Lee, Jo-Anne Lesley TAA 9; Out. Track 9; Art 0,12; NHS 11,12; French NHS 11,12.

Lentner, Scott Allan FFA 11,12; KVG 11,12.

Leonard, Robert Gresham, Jr. Band 12.

Lewczuk, Lidia Tolanta FBLA 12; Internat'l 12.

Linkous, Joy Lynn

Litschert, Erin Elizabeth Music 9; Band 9-12 (letter); Out. Track 9-12 (letter); In. Track 12; Girls' Mono. 12.

Long, James Andrew

Looney, Terry Lynne

Lovern, Michael Lloyd

Luckham, William Richard

Maderspach, Anthony John Key Club 11,12; Cross Country 11,12; NHS 12.

Marin, Christopher Dean TAA 9-12; Golf 9; Science 10,12; Cross Country 12; In. Track 12; Out. Track 12.

Marlar, Sandra Louise

Martin, Linda Joyce Music 9-11; Latin 9; Band 9-12 letter); Stage Band 10-12; Girls' State 11; NHS 1,12 (sec.); Ath. Trainer 11,12; All County Band 9-12.

Mason, Elizabeth Gayle Pep 9,10; GAA 9,10; Latin ; NHS 12.

Matherly, Harvey Lee Pan Am. 9,10; In. Track 0-12; Out. Track 10-12; Stage Crew 10-12; TAA 0-12; NHS 11,12.

May, Becky Kim

McBroom, William Kyle Football 9; DECA 10-12.

McClain, Sheila Grace Basketball 9; Band 9; GAA ,10; Pep 9,10; Track 10-12 (letter); Girls' Mono. 1,12 (sec.).

McCollum, Deanna Lynn Art 10-12.

McCoy, Anita Carole

McCoy, Ramona Lea FTA 9,10; VICA 10-12.

McGrath, Patricia May Pep 9; Choir 9-11 (letter); Music 9-11; Track 10; French 10-12; Honors English 11,12; Renaissance Seminar 11; French NHS 1,12 (pres.); **Pow Wow** (letter) 11,12; Academic etter 11; Usherette 11; Madrigals 12; Debate 12; Girls' Mono. 12; NHS 12.

McGuyer, Anthony Cliff Baseball 9-12 (letter); Football 11,12.

McNitt, Karen Jean Basketball 9,10; Pep 9-11; Out. Track 9-12; Girls' Mono. 10-12 (tres.), (pres.); JV Cheerleading 10; Annual Dance Chairman 11.

Meadows, Tena Marie Price

Mitchell, Paul Hugh Pan Am. 9; Tennis 9-12 (letter) (capt. 12); Latin 9,10; NHS 11,12; 1st Place FJC 11; 1st Place Doubles RJVOTT 11; 1st Place Blacksburg Open 12; 1st Place BHS Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament 12.

Mitchem, Brett Dewayne

Moir, Samuel Page Basketball 10-12; Football 11 (letter); Boys' Mono. 12; Key Club 12.

Mook, Arthur Dean Student Council 9-11 (v. pres.); Track 9,11,12; Cross Country 9; Music 10-12; French 10,11; Spring Fest. M.C. 11; Stage Band 10-12.

Moore, Robert Lynn

Morrill, Lee Ann Latin 9-12; GAA 9; Volleyball 10; Basketball 10; NHS 11,12; Laurel Chain 11; Girls' Mono. 12.

Mullen, Scott Keith Homeroom Pres. 9,11; Key Club 10-12; JV Basketball 10; Energy Seminar for gifted 10; trip to Spain 10; Science Club 11; Basketball 11,12 (letter); Academic letter 11; Boys' Mono. 12; Homecoming escort 12; NHS 12.

Murphy, Daniel Liam

Nelson, Virginia Ellen VICA 10-12.

Nemzoff, Deborah Carol Band 9; Music 9,10; DECA 11; DE III 11; Horticulture 11; FBLA 12.

Noonkester, Regina Michele FHA 12; VICA 12.

Obenchain, John Boyd, Jr. Football 12.

Overton, David Kevin

Pack, Amby Lynn

Padgett, John Mark Latin 9,10; Baseball 9; Track 11; Football 12 (letter).

Parsons, Carol Adelene Art 9; Latin 9; Summer Arts Seminar 10; Energy Seminar 10; Girls' State alternate 11; Merit Scholarship semi-finalist 11; **Pow Wow** 11,12; Academic letter 11; Laurel Chain 11; NHS 11,12.

Pascoe, Dennis Gene

Paterson, John Arthur Football 9-12 (letter); Basketball 9,10; Track 9; Wrestling 11 (letter).

Peachey, Carol Jeanette Music 9; Pep 9,10; VICA 10-12 (sec.); FHA 10-12 (v. pres.); FBLA 11,12.

Perdue, Donna Kay Out. Track 9,10; Pep 9,10; GAA 9,10; FBLA 11,12.

Perfater, Stephen Lewis Library 9; FFA 10; Masonry 11; French 12.

Pichot, Kimberly Faye

Preble, Eugene Lindsay Band 9-12 (all regional 11), (all county 11).

Prestrude, Deidre Alana Art 9-12; **Web** Artwork 10.

Price, Benjamin Earl

Price, James Gideon, Jr. DECA 10-12 (tres., pres.).

Price, Jeffrey Monroe

Price, Patrick David Football 9-12; Latin 9,10; Golf 11,12; Boys' Mono. 12 (sec.).

Price, Perry Moore

Rader, Dodrell Mitchell Art 9; VICA 11,12; ICT I,II 11,12.

Rasmussen, Solveig Kjar

Reyna, Sheila Anne Pan Am. 10-12; Pep 10,11; Internat'l 12; Forensics 12; Band Flag Team 12.

Ritchey, Eric Sanford Science 9; Band 9-12 (all regional 10); Stage Band 9-12; Music 10; Student Council 11,12.

Robinson, Daryl Ray Library 10; ICT 11,12.

Robinson, Richard Dean VICA 10-12.

Robinson, Teresa Kay Basketball 10,12; GAA 10,11; Volleyball 11,12; DECA 11; VICA 12; Girls' Mono. 12.

Roper, Truda Gaye Pep 9; French 9-12; Spanish 10-12.

Rosenfeldt, Thomas Herbert Mixed Chorus 9,10; Pan Am. 12; Internat'l 12; Wrestling 12.

Rudisill, Garnett Ken FFA 9; VICA 10,11; Auto Mech. 10,11.

Ruiz, Ana Olga Basketball 9-11; Spanish 9-12 (sec., tres.); GAA 9; Track 9; Homecoming Atten. 9,11; Pep 10; Girls' Mono. 11,12; Usherette 11; Spring Fest. Atten. 11; FBLA 11,12; Girls' State 11; NHS 11,12; Student Council 12 (sec.); Homecoming Queen 12.

Salinas, Orlando, Jr.

Sanchez, Amelia Gray Latin 9,10; GAA 9; Volleyball 10-12; FHA 10-12 (pres.); Math 10,11; Girls' State 11; Girls' Mono. 11,12; Laurel Chain 11; Academic letter 11; Annual Dance Comm. Chairman 11; NHS 11,12; Tennis team 12.

Saunders, Walter LeRoy Band 9-12; All Regional Band 10; Music 11,12.

Sawyers, Toni Gray Pep 9; DECA 10-12 (tres.); VICA 12.

Schetz, Joseph Paul Band 9-12; Music 11; EMT 12.

Schnitzer, Meredith Portman Spanish 9,12; TAA 9,10; Choir 9-11; Tennis 9-12; Girls' Mono. 12; Madrigals 12.

Schug, Deborah Ann Art 9-12; French 9,10.

Schwertz, Carl Robert Pan Am. 9-12; In. Track 9-12 (letter); Out. Track 9-12 (letter); Key Club 10-12; Cross Country 10-12 (letter); Class Officer 11 (v. pres.); Student Council 11 (parl.); **Tattle Tale** 11; Academic letter 11; Class Officer 12 (pres.); Student Council 12 (v. pres.); NHS 12.

Shaver, Lester Lloyd Football 9; FFA 9,10; VICA 11,12.

Shaver, Ricky Lee Latin 9; Out. Track 9,10; (letter); Wrestling 9 (letter); Key Club 11,12.

Shelor, Connie Sue

Shelor, Crystal Nanette FHA 9; DECA 10-12 (sec.); Pan Am. 12.

Sheppard, Darrell Otis FFA 9; VICA 11.

Sheppard, Gina Marie Pep 9,10; FHA 9-12 (v. pres., Degree Chairman); VICA 10-12; FBLA 11,12; FFA 12; NHS 12.

Sheppard, Victor Anthony FFA 9,10; ICT 11.

Shotts, David James In. Track 11,12; Out. Track 11,12 (letter); Cross Country 12 (letter).

Siegel, Alec David Basketball 9-12 (letter-mgr. stat.); Pan Am. 9-12; Key Club 10-12 (sec.); NHS 11,12.

Simmers, Sharon Rene Pep 9,11; GAA 9,10.

Simpkins, Rebecca Ann

Simpkins, Walter James, Jr. Football 9,10 (letter-mgr.); FFA 9-12 (tres., v. pres.); Music 9-11; Boys' Mono. 9-12; DECA 10,11 (parl.); VICA 12.

Simpson, Cindy Lou Pep 9,11; GAA 9,10.

Sink, Janice Beverly Pep 9,10,12; GAA 10.

Skelly, Rebecca Lynne

Skutt, Barbara Ellen Pep 9-12; GAA 9-11; Gymnastics 9,10; Out. Track 9-12; Girls' Mono. 10-12; Cheerleading 12.

Slack, Aaron Lyle Band 9-12.

Slack, Bryan Howard Band 9-12 (letter, All Regional, All County 11); Math 10,11.

Slayton, David Andrew Band 9-12 (All County, 10,12); Music 9-12; Key Club 11,12; Honors English 11; TAA 11,12 (sergeant-at-arms); Debate 12; Madrigals 12; Jr. Class play 12; NHS 12.

Slusser, Ronnie Joe DECA 11; FFA 11.

Smith, Daniel Mclain

Smith, Lisa Angela Field Hockey 9-11; Basketball 9-11; Track 9-12; Chorus 9-11; Cinema 9-11; GAA 9-11; Spanish 10,11 (sec.); Humanities Forum 10,11; S.C. 11 (v. pres.); NHS 11,12; Chess 11; Model United Nations 11; Latin 12; TAA 12; Juggling 12.

Smith, Robert Lacie

Snell, Denise Yvonne Basketball 9; Pep 9-12; GAA 9-12; Out. Track 9-12; Girls' Mono. 9-12; Cheerleading 10-12.

Sowers, Roy Glen

Spencer, Hazel Ann Pep 10-12; GAA 10,11; Track 10-12; Choir 11,12.

Stanbery, Anna Howell Pep 9,12; VICA 11.

Stewart, Douglas Guy Football 9,10,12; Track 9,11,12; FCA 9-12; Key Club 10-12.

Strickland, Clark Hinkley Cross Country 9; In.-Out. Track 9-12 (letter); Key Club 10-12 (sec., v. pres.); S.C. 10-12 (reporter, mem. at lrg., pres.).

Sumner, Marc Anthony Basketball 10 (mgr.); FBLA 11,12.

Surratt, Patricia Ann

Sword, Mary Kendall GAA 9; Band 9-12 (letter, majorette, All Regional, All County); Pep 9,12; Track 9; TAA 10-12 (sec., treas.); Music 10,11.

Taylor, Stewart Bryon

Testerman, Raymond Lewis Football 9,10; Baseball 10-12; Key Club 11,12; Boys' Mono. 12.

Tlou, Lehlaseli Constance Cheerleading 9,10; Pep 9-11; Softball 9-11; Basketball 9-11; School Play 9,10; Field Hockey 10,11; Minority Students Assoc. 11 (pres.).

Torgersen, James Einar Basketball 9-11 (letter); Tennis 9,10 (letter); Science 9; Spanish 9; Key Club 10-12; FCA 12; NHS 11,12; Boys' Mono. 12.

Turner, Jack Nelson

Underwood, Dale Alan

Underwood, James Lee, Jr. Key Club 9-12; FCA 9,10; Football 9-12 (letter); Boys' Mono. 11,12 (tres.).

Uttal, David Henry Science 9,10; Music 9; Band 9-12 (capt. 12, All regional); Key Club 10,11; TAA 10; Debate 11,12 (letter, Capt.); NHS 11,12; Pan Am. 12.

VandeBerg, Jocelyn Kay Art 9-11; Music 9-12; TAA 9-12; Gymnastics 9-11 (letter); Energy Conference 10; MENC Conference 10,12; Madrigals 10-12; Academic letter 11; Renaissance Seminar 11; Society of Distinguished American High School Students 11; Honors English 12; NHS 12.

VandeVuurst, Robert Donald Basketball 9 (mgr.); Pep 9; Football 10-12 (letter); FCA 12; Boys' Mono. 11,12.

Vaught, Mitchell Frank

Vaught, Ricky Wayne

Veit, Suzanne Theresa Tennis 9,10; Class Officer 10 (pres.); Chorus 9-12; Pep 9; Beta 9,10 (sec.); Drama 12; Music 11,12; Pan Am. 11,12 (pres.); FBLA 12; NHS 12.

Wall, Dennis Ivan FFA 9,10; VICA 11,12; Machine Shop II 12.

Warshauer, Wendy Leigh

Watson, Jeri Georgianne

Webb, Laura Anne Art 10,11.

Webb, Linda Doreen GAA 9-11 (sec.); Pep 9,10; Cheerleading 10; NHS 11,12 (treas.); Christmas Dance Chairman 12.

Webb, William Preston

Weddle, Lonnie Garrett Football 9-12 (letter); Key Club 10-12 (pres.); FCA 10,11; Boys' Mono. 10-12; Weightlifting 11,12; NHS 12.

Wells, Warren Owen Band 9-12 (All County, All Regional); Photography 9-10; Latin 9; Art 11,12; Music 11,12.

Wesel, Anne Catherine

Wesley, Douglas Alan Science 9-12; **Tattle Tale** 11,12 (news editor); Academic letter 11; Renaissance Seminar 11; Fren. NHS 11,12; Usher 11; Boys' State 11; Key Club 12; Who's Who Among High School Students of America 12; NHS 12.

West, Peter Armstrong Soccer 11,12; TAA 11,12; Jr. Class Play 11.

Whitlock, Robert Clinton Science 9,10; Football 10-12 (letter); Key Club 10-12 (treas.); Energy Seminar 10; FCA 10,11; Natl. Merit Letter 11; Math Assoc. of Am. Award 11; **Tattle Tale** 11,12 (sports editor); NHS 11,12; Fren. NHS 11,12; Boys' State 11; Academic letter 11; Renaissance Seminar 11; Honors English 11,12; Marshall Spring Festival 11; Weightlifting 11,12; Boys' Mono. 12; Who's Who Among High School Students of Am. 12.

Wightman, Sharon Anne Field Hockey 9; Pan Am. 10,11; FBLA 12.

Williams, William Llewellyn Latin 9-11; Madrigals 10-12; Choir 10-12 (All Regional, All State, Student Director); Music 10,11 (v. pres.); Jr. Class Play 11; Spring Musical 11; Renaissance Seminar 11; NMSQT Commendation 11; Academic letter 11; NHS 11 (v. pres.).

Wolf, Eric Dale

Wones, Andrew Gilman Band 9-12 (All County, All Regional); Cross Country 9-12; Track 9,10.

Woods, Stephen Marshall Football 9 (mgr.).

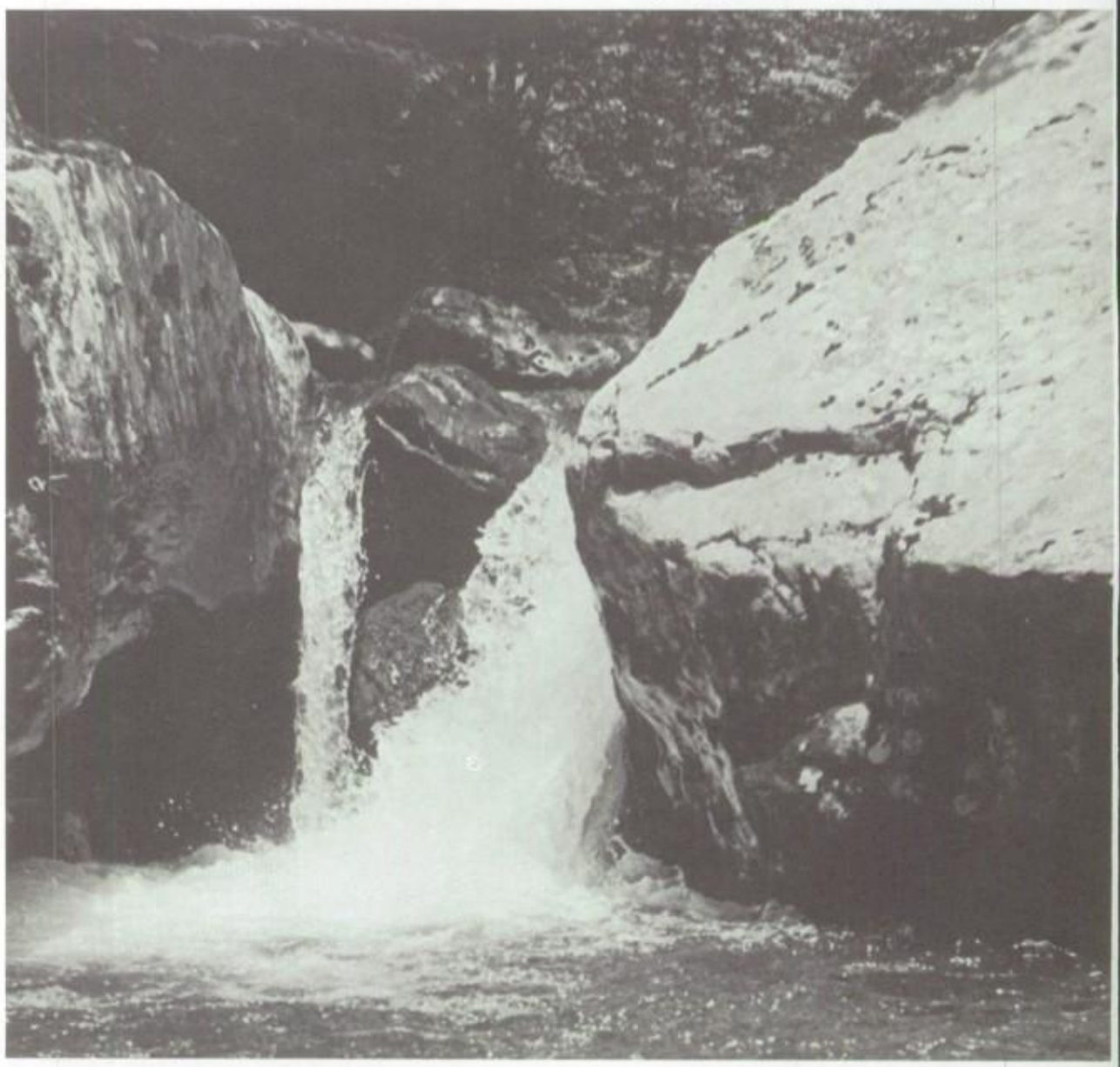
Worner, Rebecca Susan S.C. 9-12; Class Officer 9,11 (pres., treas.); Gymnastics 9-12; Track 10; Homecoming Court 9,12; Spring Fest. 9-12; Art 12; Science 12 (sec., Tres.); Pep 9,10; GAA 9,10; PTSA 11,12; **Pow Wow** 11; Alternate Girls' State 11.

Wright, Maureen Ruth Art 10,11; FBLA 12.

Wright, Tamara Pan Am. 9-12 (pres.); NHS 11,12; Laurel Chain 11.

Young, Charles Albert Art 10-12; Science 10; Cross Country 11,12; Track 11,12; VICA 12; TAA 12.

Retreat. As the warm, sunny weather of spring approaches, many students head for the Cascades for hiking, picnicking, swimming, or sunbathing. Seniors who have regularly scheduled early dismissals have a chance to get there ahead of the rest of the crowd.



Senior Class Final Exam

1. What was your favorite disaster?
   A. the flood
   B. the fire
   C. the bomb threat.

2. Attending BHS has been:
   A. interesting
   B. hazardous to your health
   C. a cultural experience.

3. The teachers were:
   A. wild and crazy
   B. dangerous
   C. looking forward to Graduation 1979.

4. What was your favorite quote from your experiences at BHS?
   A. "Please excuse the interruption for the morning announcements."
   B. the interruption — "will the following people please come to the office . . ."
   C. "Way to go, Luther."

5. Mrs. Pace speaks rapidly to:
   A. confuse her students
   B. eliminate the imbeciles
   C. live up to her reputation.

6. Mrs. Amos was most known for:
   A. **Beowulf**
   B. good reviews of **Saturday Night Live**
   C. her consistently slow grading of papers.

7. The Administration:
   A. tried hard
   B. had a lot of good parties during school hours
   C. all of the below.

8. The senior class was best known for its:
   A. maturity
   B. responsibility
   C. both of the above.

9. Happiness is:
   A. the day after mid-terms
   B. watching the teachers being hit with pies
   C. spring break.

10. The weekends during senior year were:
    A. short
    B. well worth waiting for
    C. spent studying.

11. The Student Council was:
    A. a social club
    B. a political party
    C. a group of escapees from St. Albans incognito.

12. The senior class was plagued with:
    A. cheese
    B. candy sticks
    C. Mrs. Perkins.

13. The contestants for Klassroom Kwiz were:
    A. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, and Goofy.
    B. smart
    C. spacey.

14. The Senior Class Officers:
    A. were rowdy
    B. left room for improvement
    C. were responsible for senior privileges and a lot more.

15. Graduation was:
    A. long
    B. long awaited
    C. all of the above.

16. The mature '79 graduates:
    A. were mature 9th graders
    B. never passed the 9th grade
    C. quit school last year.

17. Mrs. Sumner reminded us of:
    A. the Great Pumpkin
    B. a communist dictator
    C. nobody we knew.

18. A dry roof:
    A. cancelled swimming classes
    B. eliminated umbrellas and trash cans in the hall
    C. disqualified BHS from the Venice-of-Virginia contest.

19. The **Pow Wow** staff was:
    A. underpaid
    B. overworked
    C. underloved.

20. Rooms without windows:
    A. should never have been invented
    B. bore students to tears
    C. should only be allowed in mental wards.

Class of '80

"Hey, let me see your ring. It's the new dinner ring style, isn't it? I wish I'd gotten one like that. Did you hear that six guys got diamonds set in their rings?"

"Are you kidding? It must have cost a bundle. Hey did you hear about the Annual Dance workshop we're having tomorrow night? We need lotsa people to help if we're going to pull if off by May 12. Do you think you can make it?"

"I can't 'cause I have to work. The Junior class does have enough money for the dance, though, doesn't it?"

"Yea, I think we got enough from selling those candles, from class dues, and from the class play, **Who-dun-did-it?**"

"That's good."

"By the way, what are you doing your term paper on? My bibliography cards are due on Friday and I don't know whether to do mine on child abuse or not."

"Oh, we did our term papers last semester. I did mine on dreams. Today in English you get your class ranks."

"Yuk. That kind of stuff is always depressing. First it was the SRA and PSAT scores — now this."

"Just wait 'til the SAT's in May."

"Hey did you see **Saturday Night Live** last week? The coneheads were hilarious."

"I liked the Samurai skit the best. John Belushi is great. I loved him in **Animal House!**"

"John Belushi in a toga, what a wild and crazy guy! Well, I've got to go. See ya."

"Nano, Nano."

"Get out of here."

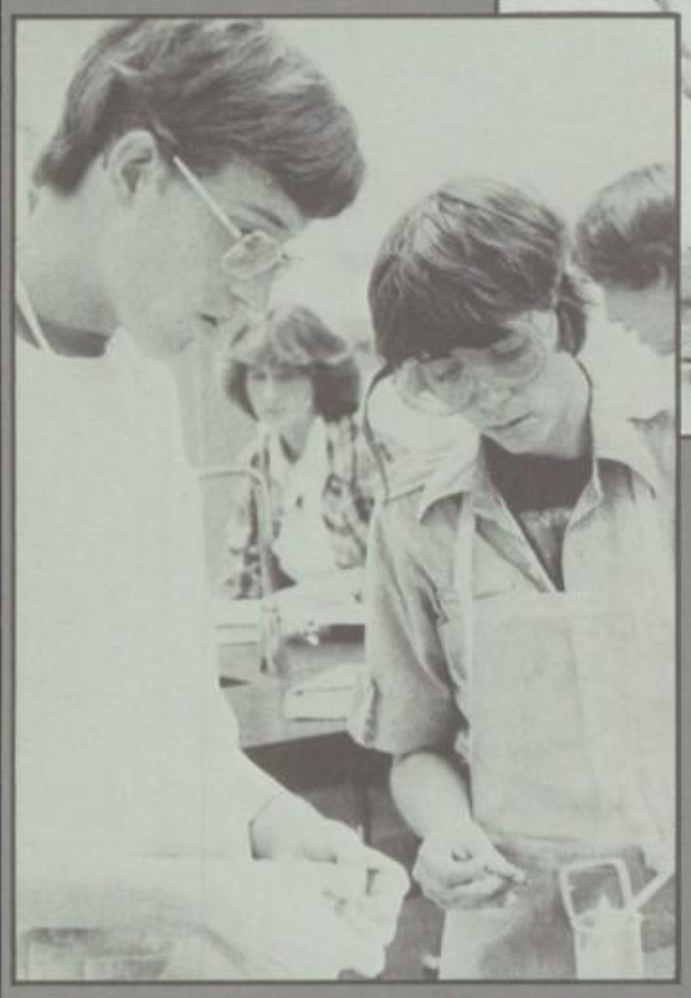
Junior Class Officers. Rebecca Hay (Secretary), Amy Eller (Treasurer), Patty Skelly (President), Cindy Kornegay (Vice-President), Mrs. Rivers (Sponsor), Mrs. Maybury (Sponsor), Mrs. Grady (Sponsor). **Not Pictured:** Mr. Goad.

Money! Class president, Patty Skelly, carefully counts money collected from homecoming corsage sales, one of the ways juniors raise the funds to finance the Annual Dance.

Expanding her abilities, Cindy Lineweaver learns the intricacies of the letterpress in her fifth period Communications Technology class.

Making plans. Junior class sponsor, Mrs. Maybury, discusses with the annual dance chairman, Rosie Brooker, ideas for the dance, the juniors' crowning achievement.

Mad Scientists? Labs help Andy Randall and Randolph Thomas to better understand the chemical reactions studied in their chemistry class.



Marlena Ackerman
Laurie Adler
Gary Akers
Julie Albert
Susan Albert

Kathy Allen
Eric Anderson
Sarah Armitage
Christa Arnold
Mike Atwell

Michael Bailey
Teresa Barker
Charlie Barnett
Randy Barnett
Kathylynn Barranco

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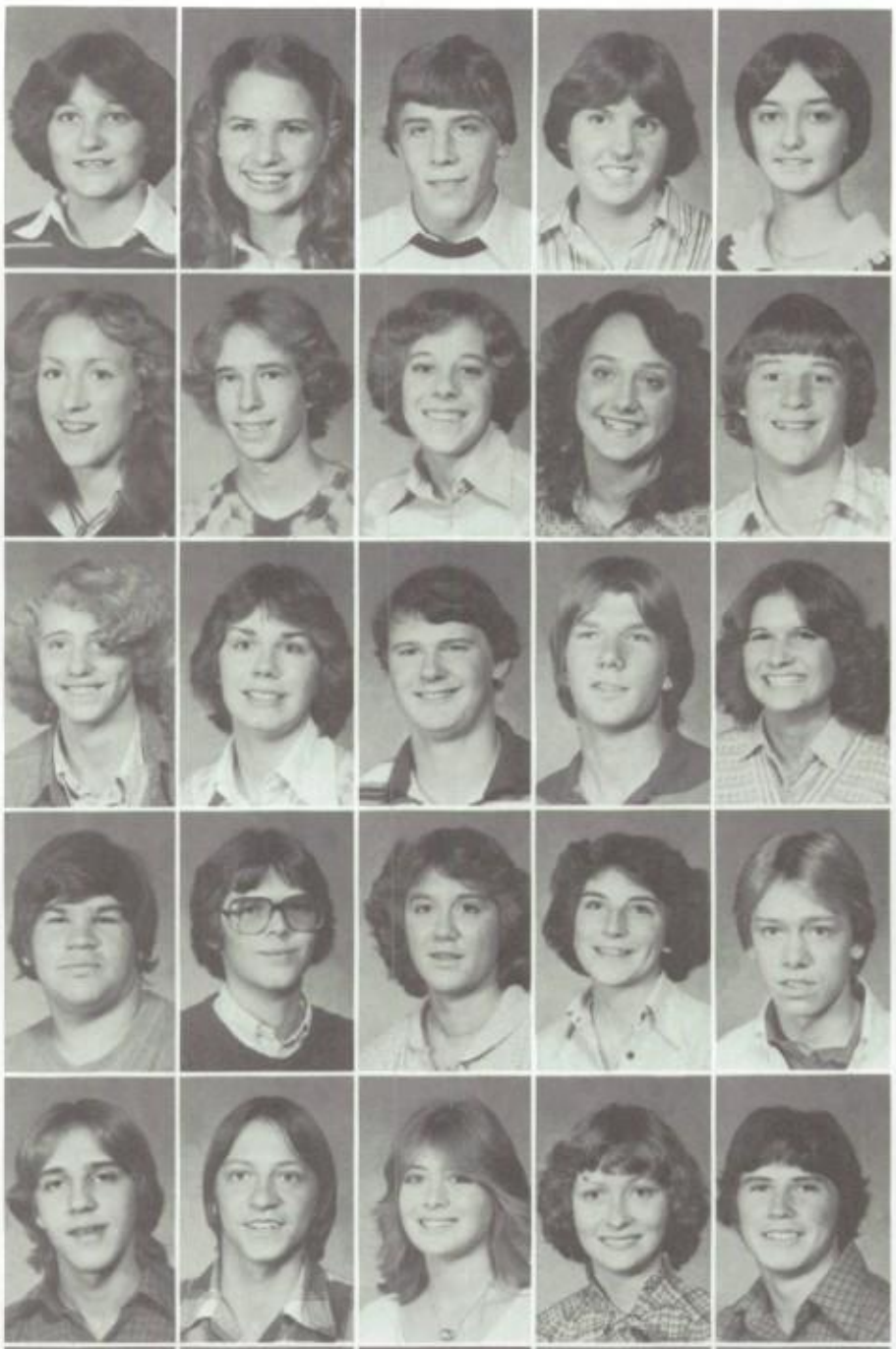


Disco Mania

Movies like **Saturday Night Fever** and **Thank God It's Friday** had their impact on Blacksburg. Disco mania hit town as places like Sound Cellar, Spanky's, and After Sundown started appearing all over town.

Blacksburg High School students did not escape the fever. Those who were lucky enough to be eighteen could go to Sound Cellar. Those who were younger had to be satisfied with parties and dances.

Robin Reed, a junior at Blacksburg High School, found she could go to the Marriott without being eighteen, and still get down to the beat of Disco.

Asked about the complexity of this type of dance, Robin replied, "Many people who haven't tried to disco, don't because it looks harder than it is. Actually, there's nothing to it, if one has a good partner who can lead."

Robin has found while dancing, she and her partner have been able to express themselves through the music because there was a special pattern to follow, and both partners had to be involved.

Lastly Robin said, "Dancing alone is out! Regardless of trends, jamming will not be back for a long time."

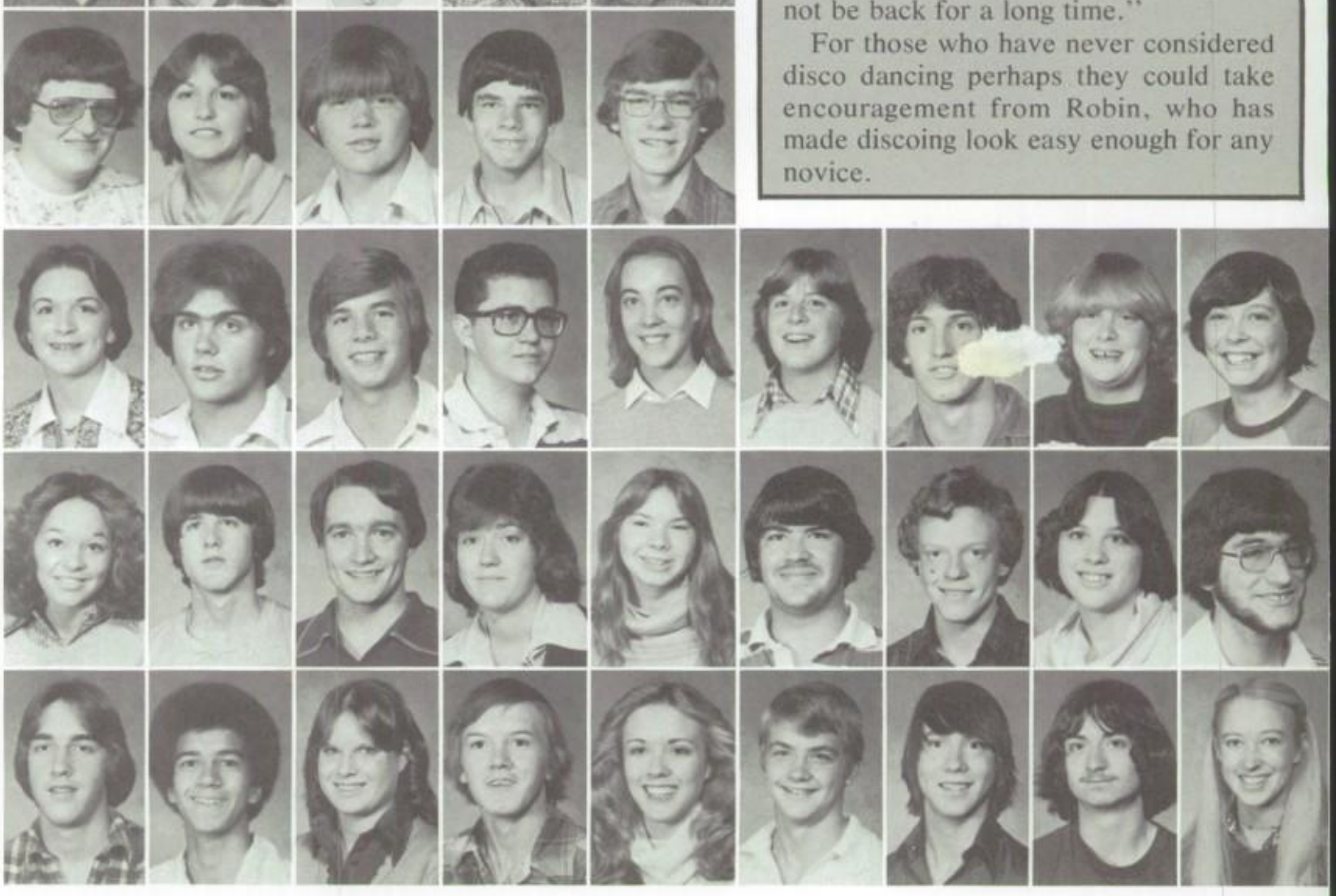
For those who have never considered disco dancing perhaps they could take encouragement from Robin, who has made discoing look easy enough for any novice.

Barry Browning
Sharon Browning
Rodney Buchanan
Matt Burke
David Burleson

Sarah Byrd
Greg Cadzow
Noel Caldwell
Greg Campbell
Mary Carter
Lori Cathey
Mike Coleman
Lynne Collins
Ricky Comer

Robin Comer
Cliff Compton
Johnny Costain
Chris Costigan
Kim Cowan
Ervin Cragett
Mark Craven
Sarah Cross
Leyton Croxdale

Greg Croy
Phillip Cumbo
Candi Cupp
Jeff Davis
Laurie Deans
Ted Devens
Ed Disney
Steve Dowdy
Toy Dugger



Strikes Students At BHS

They've got the Fever! Robin Reed and Steve Sumner, an alumnus from Blacksburg High School, disco to the beat of the music at the Marriott. Lloyd Bishop and Olga Ruiz, seniors at BHS, are looking on as they, themselves, practice the steps learned at a disco class taught at the Recreation Center.

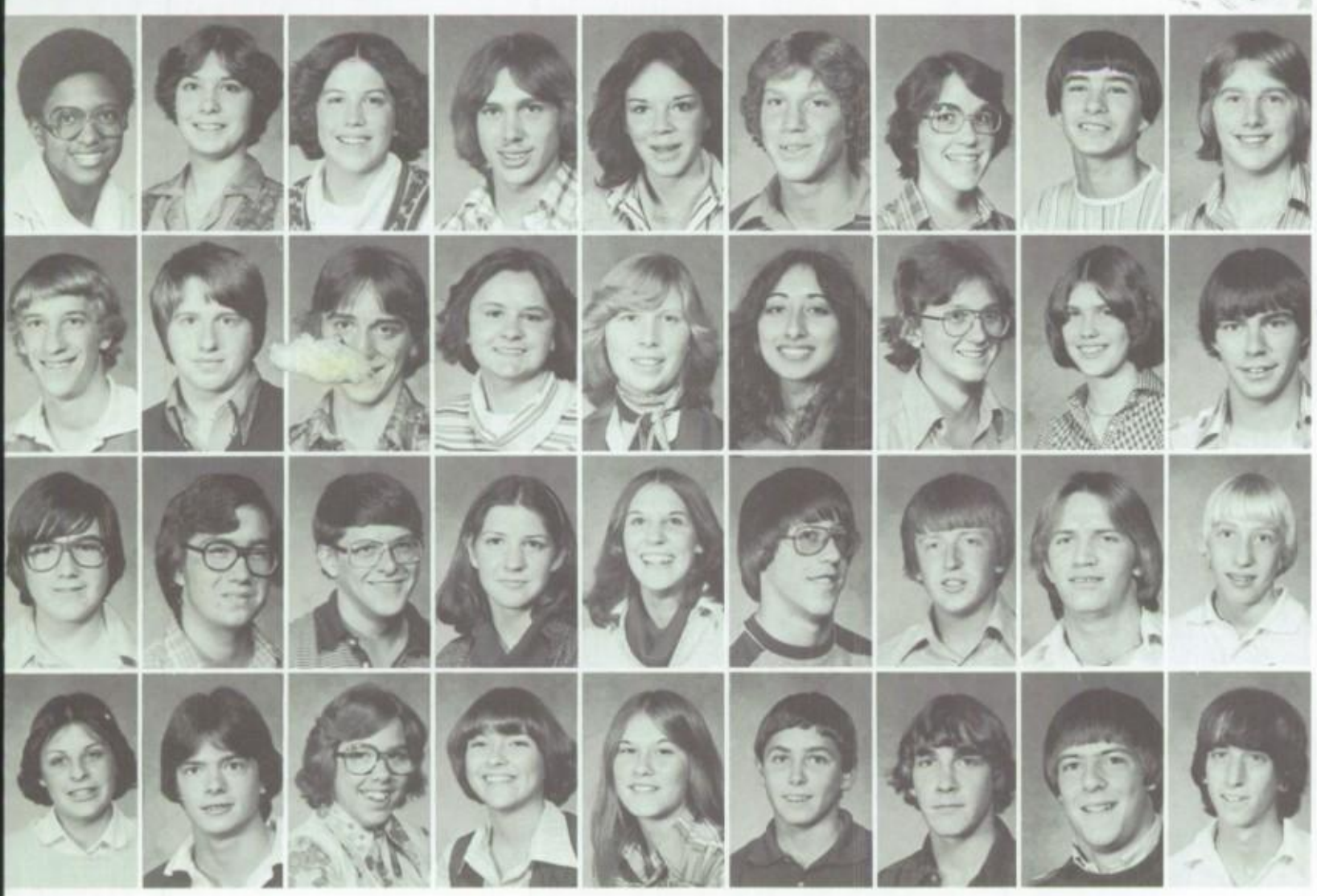
Henrika Dyck

James Easterling

Karen Eaton

Lisa Eaton

Denise Eaves



Diane Eaves
Chris Eiss
Amy Eller
Raymond Epperly II
Scottie Fast
Mark Fennell
Anna Frary
Rodney Frazier
Jim Frederick

Pat Frith
John Furrow
Stuart Galyean
Nancy Gay
Beth Gerken
Anita Ghosh
Joel Gibbs
Suzy Gorsline
Larry Graham

David Graybeal
Jay Gregory
Andy Grender
Vicky Griffin
Debi Guarino
Allen Hale
Ricky Hale
Mike Hall
Peter Hardell

Debi Hardie
Mike Hawkins
Marie Hawley
Rebecca Hay
Diana Henderson
Doug Herakovich
Chris Heslep
Mark Hill
Lawrence Hoffman

Hang Gliding Reaches

In flight. Jed Moore demonstrates his abilities as he hang glides across a field in Giles County. Jed has been hang gliding for about two years and plans to eventually become an instructor.

Robert Houska
Mark Hughes
Inest Hurdle
Wendy Hurst
Bobby Hypes
Kim Hypes
Jean Isani
Daphne Jarrel
Christa Jenssen

Dan Johnson
Kyle M. Johnson
Rita Johnston
Mike Jones
Carolyn Keister
Sharon Keith
Gamine Kelly
Debbie King
Vicky Kipps

Blacksburg

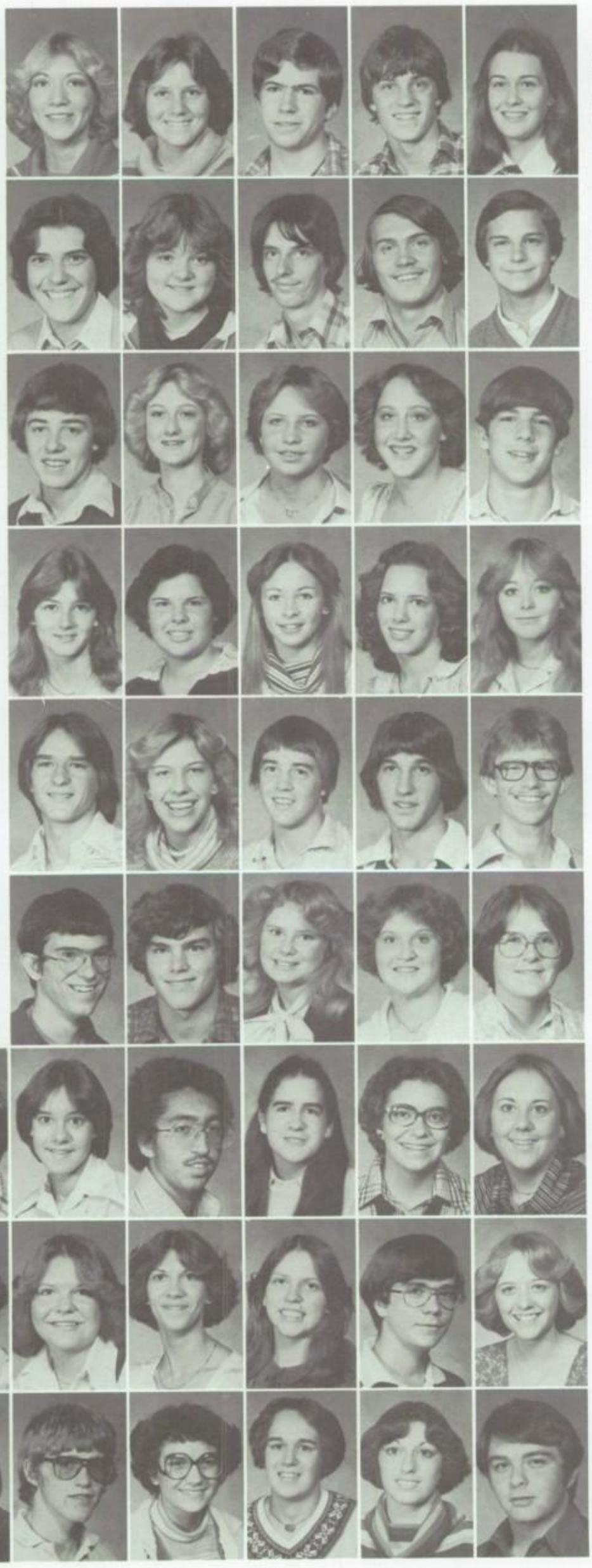
Jed soared through the air high above the mountains in Giles County. As he climbed higher and higher he began to relax and look around. His friends back at the launching place had gone on about their business now that he had had a safe take off. The scenery was breath-taking. All he could hear was the flapping of his kite. It was impossible to describe the way he felt.

Now he realized it was time to be heading back; so he found a landing place and began concentrating on getting down safely.

Jed Moore, a Blacksburg High School junior, has been hang gliding for about two years. He stated, "Most people don't realize how physically demanding hang gliding is." Top physical, as well as mental, condition is imperative.

While learning, one must run great distances with the glider before taking off. The average glider weighs thirty to forty pounds but when running against the wind this might be doubled or tripled. The abilities to think clearly, concentrate, and make decisions quickly are also mandatory.

The first hang gliders were build by the Wright Brothers but the sport didn't become nationally recognized until about six years ago. Its popularity has spread rapidly especially in California and North Carolina, and now it has even reached Blacksburg High School.



Cindy Kornegay
Lael Lambe
John Layman
Scott Ligon
Caroline Lile

Cindy Lineweaver
Pam Linkous
Phillip Linkous
Stanley Linkous
John Lipsey

Tommy Little
Cyndi Long
Debra Long
Karen Long
Rick Louthan

Sandra Lovern
Debbie Lovingood
Cindy Lucas
Katy Mason
Teresa Matherly

Monte Matusevich
Melissa Maybury
Tim McElwee
Matt McGrath
Andrew McMahan

David McMahan
Erik McNair
Mary Beth McNew
Carol McPherson
Leah Miller

Janis Mills
Angie Moore
Jed Moore
Jerome Moore
Deanne Morgan
Farhood Moslehi
Cathy Munson
Holly Neel
Connie Noonkester

Julie O'Brien
Lisa Onega
Shawn O'Neill
Barry Orange
Cheryl Pacetti
Lynn Pascoe
Lisa Patterson
Robert Patty
Susan Peachey

Christine Petrecca
Greg Pirkle
Greg Polan
Lisa Polly
Chris Porter
Carol Preble
Diane Price
Theresa Price
Tim Price

Troy Price
Stacey Purcell

Andy Randall
Agustin Reyna

Bobby Reynolds
Bronie Reynolds

Julie Ribbe
Dena Richards

Melissa Roach
Tracy Roberts

Bill Ross
Sylvia Ruiz

Kristen Saacke
Virginia Salmon

Machell Saunders
Lisa Saville
Kathy Schetz
Amy Schmidt
Jeff Schmidt
Suzanne Schmidt
Susan Schulter
Danny Sebolt
Gloria Shealor

Angela Sheppard
Eddie Sherman
Grant Sherman
Brian Shipman
Brenda Sifford
Wendy Slate
Peter Sleszynski
Louis Smith
Tony Smith

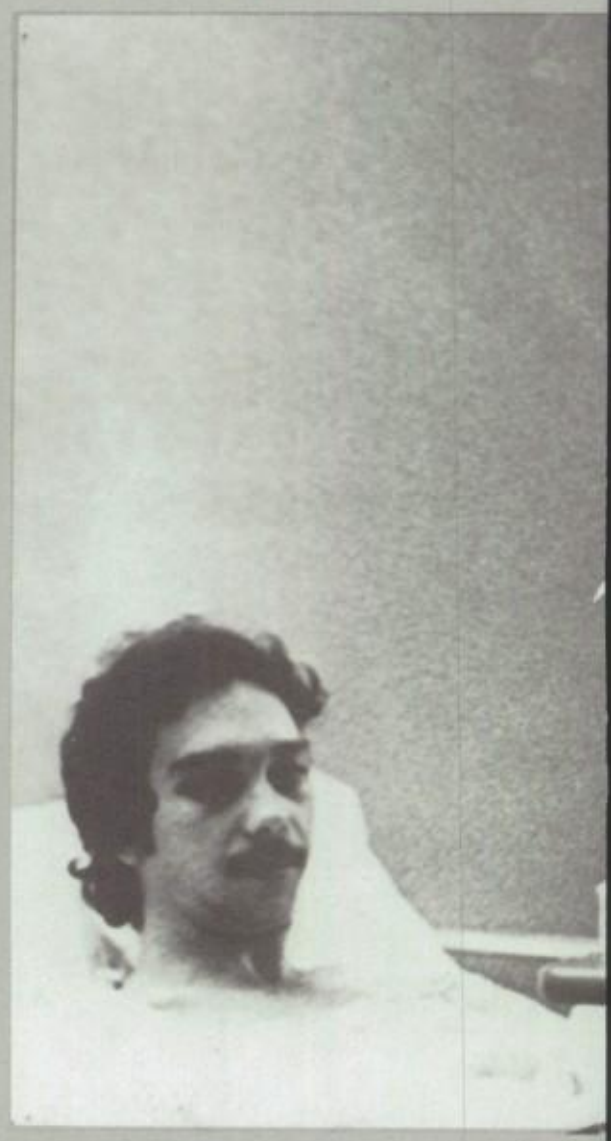
Juniors Volunteer To

Many students at BHS devoted some of their time to working as hospital volunteers in and around Blacksburg. Several spent lazy summer days doing different types of work at the Veterans' Hospital in Salem; others helped out at Heritage Hall — but the majority worked at Montgomery County Hospital as candystripers.

Anna Frary, a junior at Blacksburg High School, was the president of the candystripers at Montgomery County Hospital. Having worked at the hospital for about two years, Anna received her cap for one hundred hours of service and a candystriper pin for an additional hundred hours.

As president of the candystripers, Anna presided over monthly meetings and worked with secretary Elaine Winters to publish the candystripers' newsletter. Meetings were held to discuss upcoming events such as awards assemblies held twice yearly, and the opening of the hospital gift shop. Occasionally a guest speaker was invited to the meetings to discuss health careers or laboratory techniques, and sometimes candystripers were taken on a tour of a special wing of the hospital. At the December meeting, candystripers made decorations for Christmas trees in the lobby.

Candystripers performed a variety of tasks in order to take some of the burden of work off the nurses. Candystripers took dinner trays to patients, filled water pitchers, and delivered patients' flowers and snacks. The clerical aspect of candystriping involved making charts, completing diet and condition sheets, and filling out kitchen requisition slips. Workers also ran important errands for ward clerks, taking specimens to the lab, typing admitting cards, picking up diet din ners, and answering the nurses' call.



Dinner is served. As a candystriper, Barbar Tillman serves a patient. Other juniors participat ing in the candystriping program are Laurie Deans Beth Gerlen, and Connie Woolwine.

The students not only performed needed service for the community bu they received valuable experience i working with others. Because of expo sure to the nursing and other health ca reers, many of the candystripers hav decided to continue in this field in prepa ration for future vocations.

Serve In Spare Time

Kelly Steffen
Darren Steiss
Robin Stombler

Roger Sullins
Randy Sult
Joel Taylor

Eric Teske
Jay Thomas
Randolph Thomas

Barbara Tillman
Robby Todd
Ashlie Troutman

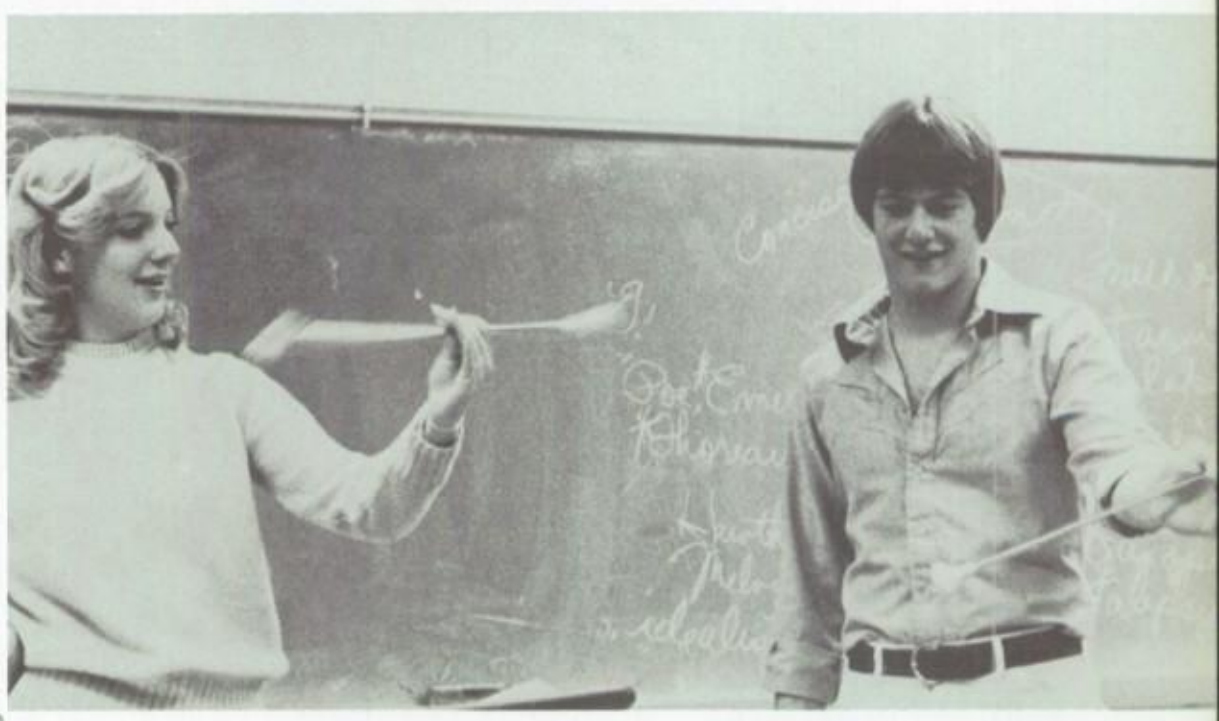
Diane Trussell
Chris Turley
Debbie Vaden

Chris Via
Sandy Walbridge
Joe Weber
Donna Whitaker
Tammy White
Peggy Willard
Amy Williams
Paul Williams
Anthony Wilson

Pat Wilson
Mike Wohlford
Connie Woolwine

Joel Worley
Kirk Wortman
Susan Yearwood

Eddie Young
Gregg Zody
Christen Zweifel



A recruit? Majorette Julie Ribbe completes an assignment that deals with a "process" theme, for Mrs. Maybury's Honors English class. Mark Hill volunteers to follow Julie's directions on how to twirl a baton.

Class of '81

"Hi! How many boxes of M&M's have you sold?"

"Not many; I don't have much time 'cause I have to practice."

"Practice what? Piano, tennis . . .?"

"Driving. I just got my learner's and I start Behind-the-Wheel soon and I heard it's really tough."

"Yeah, Well we still need all the money we can get. Winning hall day during Homecoming week only gave us $10.00 and the more money we raise this year for the annual dance, the less we'll have to worry about next year."

"You have a point. If next year is much busier than this year, I don't think I'll have any extra time. It's hard enough with World History, biology . . ."

"Don't mention biology. We dissect crayfish today and I have it right before lunch."

"Gross."

"By the way you still haven't paid up our bet on the World Series. The Yanks won, you know!"

"Well excuuuse me. I'll try to get it to you but I just blew my last allowance on Steve Martin's new album. Man is it funny."

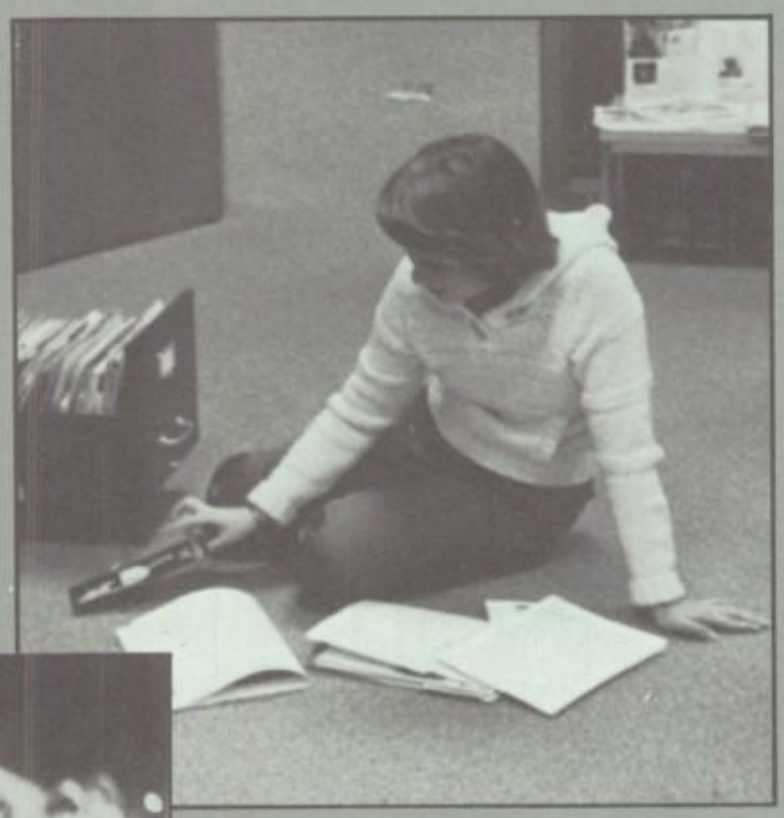
"You know what's even funnier? That stupid compentency test. What is six times four anyway?"

"That was the biggest waste. Well I've got to get to Algebra today. I've already been late twice."

"OK, bye."

"See ya later."

Sophomore Class Officers. Front: Mrs. Arvold (Sponsor), Beth Bennett (Treasurer), Amy Bellas (Secretary), Lori Lavery (President). **Back:** Miss Helms (Sponsor), Patti-Anne Barranco (Vice-President), Mrs. Coulthard (Sponsor).

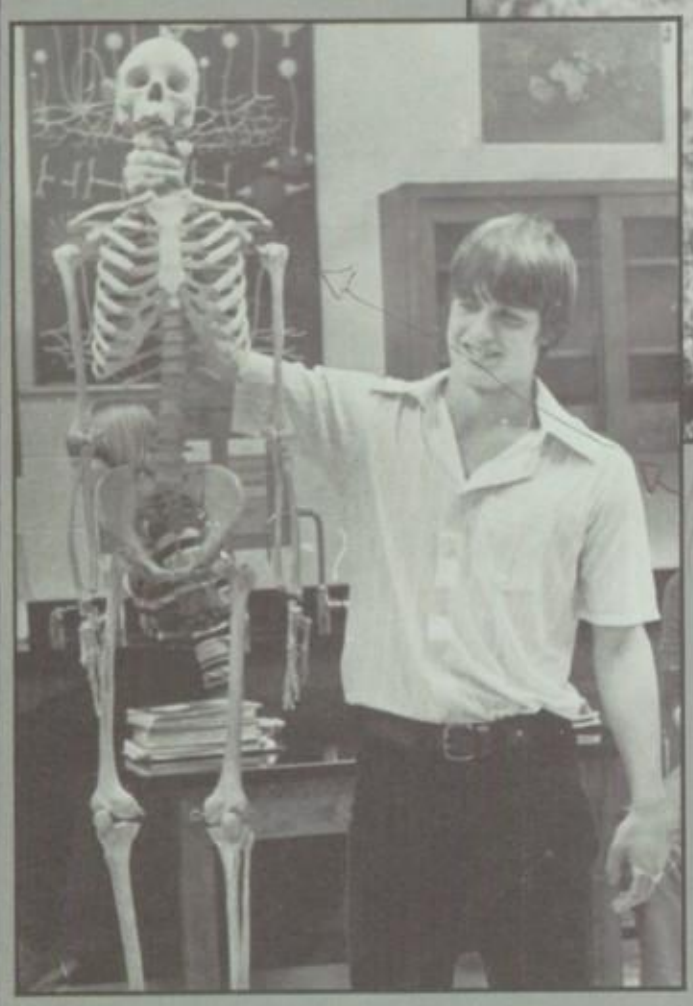


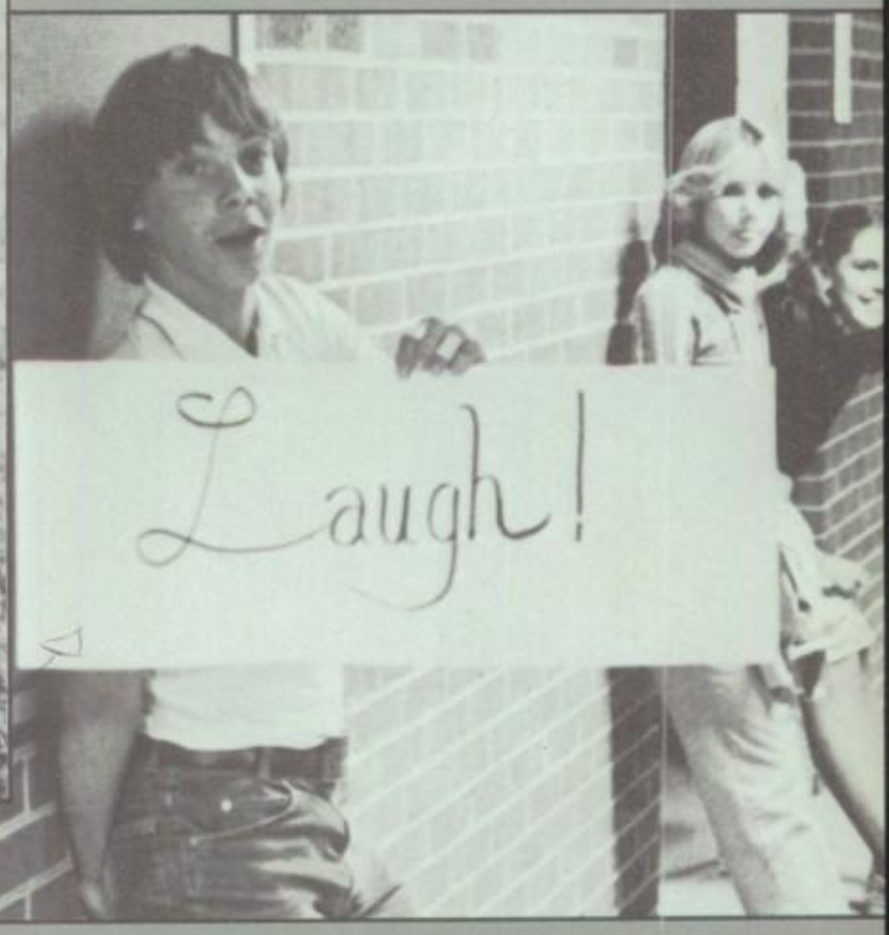
Young professional. Barbara Krutchkoff snaps a picture of an important football play just as her own picture is being taken. Barbara takes pictures for the **Pow Wow**, and she also works as a photographer for the **News Messenger.**

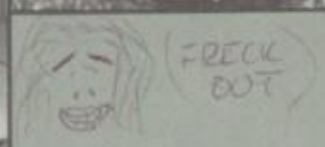
Careers already. Sherry Fleeger searches through the files in the guidance office for career possibilities. Even sophomores find themselves looking ahead, trying to decide future plans in order to schedule related courses during high school.

Contest. Ged Moody, Laura Berry, and Lisa Fore, all Latin I students, practice for a skit which they will act out at the annual Latin Banquet. Each Latin class plans a skit that will be judged at the banquet. The winning class receives five dollars.

Halloween? No, not really. Lee Flowers stands beside this skeleton in Mrs. Fay's biology class. Students use the skeleton as a model for learning the names of the bones of the body.







KEN,
I'M GLAD I GOT TO KNOW YOU THIS YEAR. IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO FIND A NEW PARTNER. I KNOW THAT THE FUTURE HAS ALOT IN STORE FOR YOU. I WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU IN THE SUMMER. WELL GO 4x4 ing WITH JAY. GOOD LUCK

MARTY
GIBSON

Tommy Albert
Shelley Bame
Cindy Barden
Cathy Barnett

Patti-Anne Barranco
Helen Bauer
Pam Bell
Amy Bellas

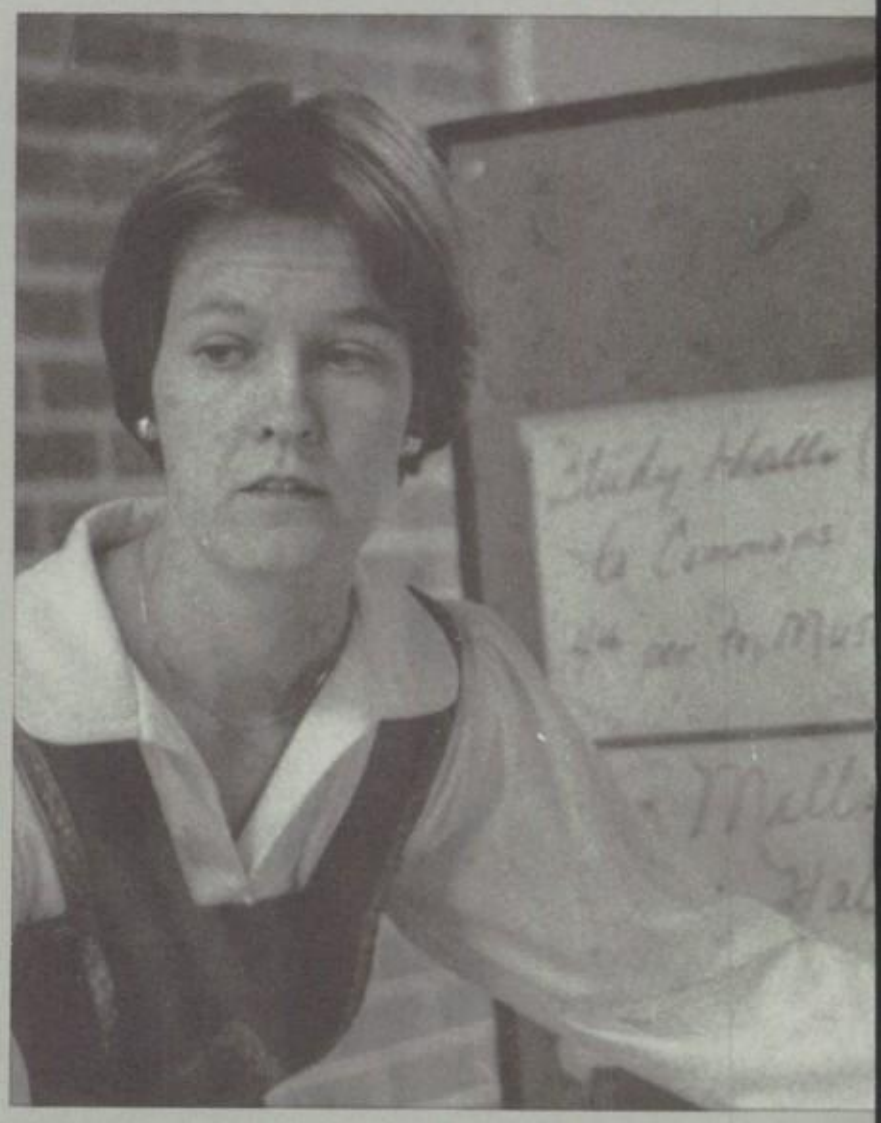
Beth Bennett
Regina Berger
Alison Bernd
John Bingham

Mary Bird
Norris Bishop
Jamie Bollinger
Stoney Bolte

Rhonda Bowles
Cathey Brinson
Delilah Brogan
Elizabeth Brown

Jimmy Brownell
Gary Brummett
Joyce Buchanan
Quintin Burch

November 2



Detour. While the sophomores take the Minimum Competency Test, other students are detoured from the area. Miss Sammons helps foreign language students find their alternative room. All English classes are

Jester. Randy Field, an accomplished juggler, demonstrates his abilities. Randy is a member of the juggling club which is organized by Mr. Weissman to broaden the scope of student interests.

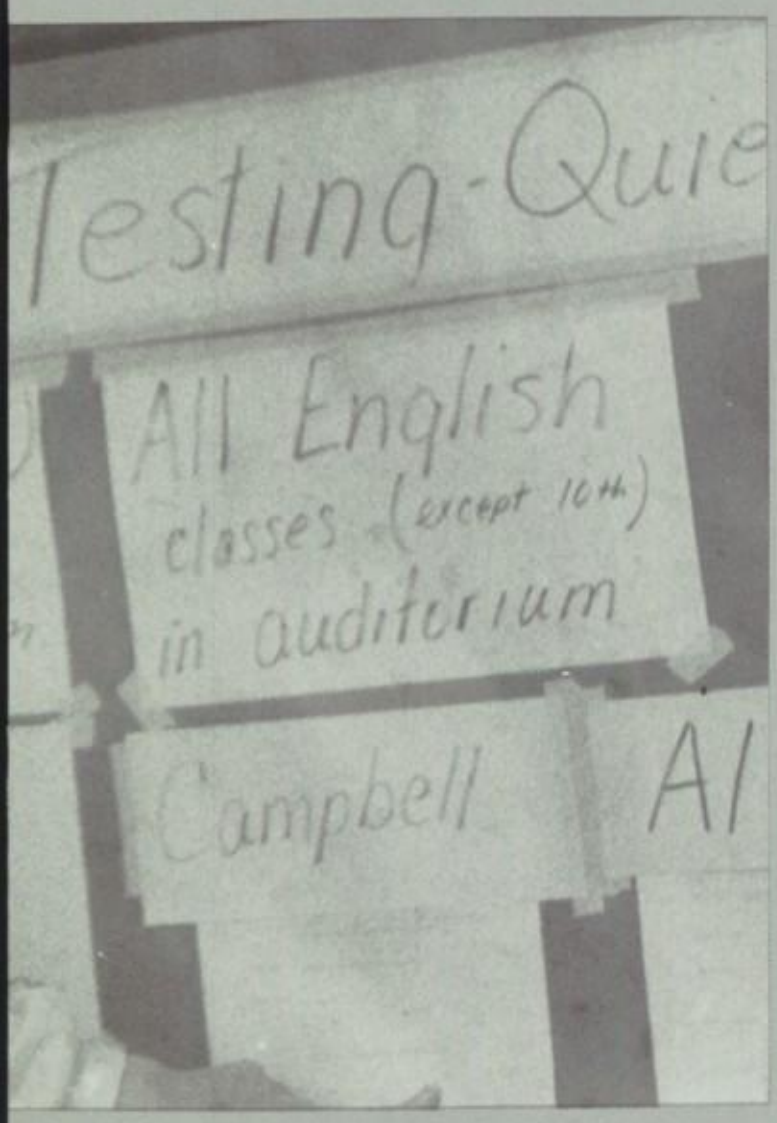
Wes Burford
Diane Burleson
Kristi Burleson
Jim Burton
Lisa Butt

Vicky Caldwell
Glenn Carroll
Mildred Carson
Steve Claus
Chris Cochran

John Coffey
Joe Cole
Carrie Collier
David Collins
Sandy Collins

Walter Comley
Anthony Conley
Leigh Cook
Mike Cook
Donnie Cooper

D-day For Sophomores



directed to the auditorium to watch classic comedies. By seventh period students are reciting, along with the film, the familiar line, "It's not a fit night out for man nor beast."

November 2 was a long day for the sophomores. That was the day every sophomore took the Minimum Competency Test. Starting with the class of 1981 every student would have to pass this test in order to graduate from high school. To pass the test, a student was required to get 70% of his responses correct.

After preparing for two weeks in English classes, many students felt confident. Elizabeth Brown said, "I figure it will be easy and most people should pass." Carrie Collier added, "I think the teachers over prepared us and it's going to be easy." Others were a bit more apprehensive; when asked what she thought about the Minimum Competency Test Sandy Short said, "I want to skip it." Lisa Butt suggested that ". . . the ninth graders should be the guinea pigs."

Each student took two three-hour tests, one reading and the other math. The math test covered addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, and percents. The reading test dealt with survival skills needed to understand warning labels, filling out applications, and writing checks.

After the students took the test the majority thought it was easy. Several students claimed it was just a waste of time. Sophomores awaited with confidence the return of their competency test scores from the state.

Mark Craig

Wes Cranwell

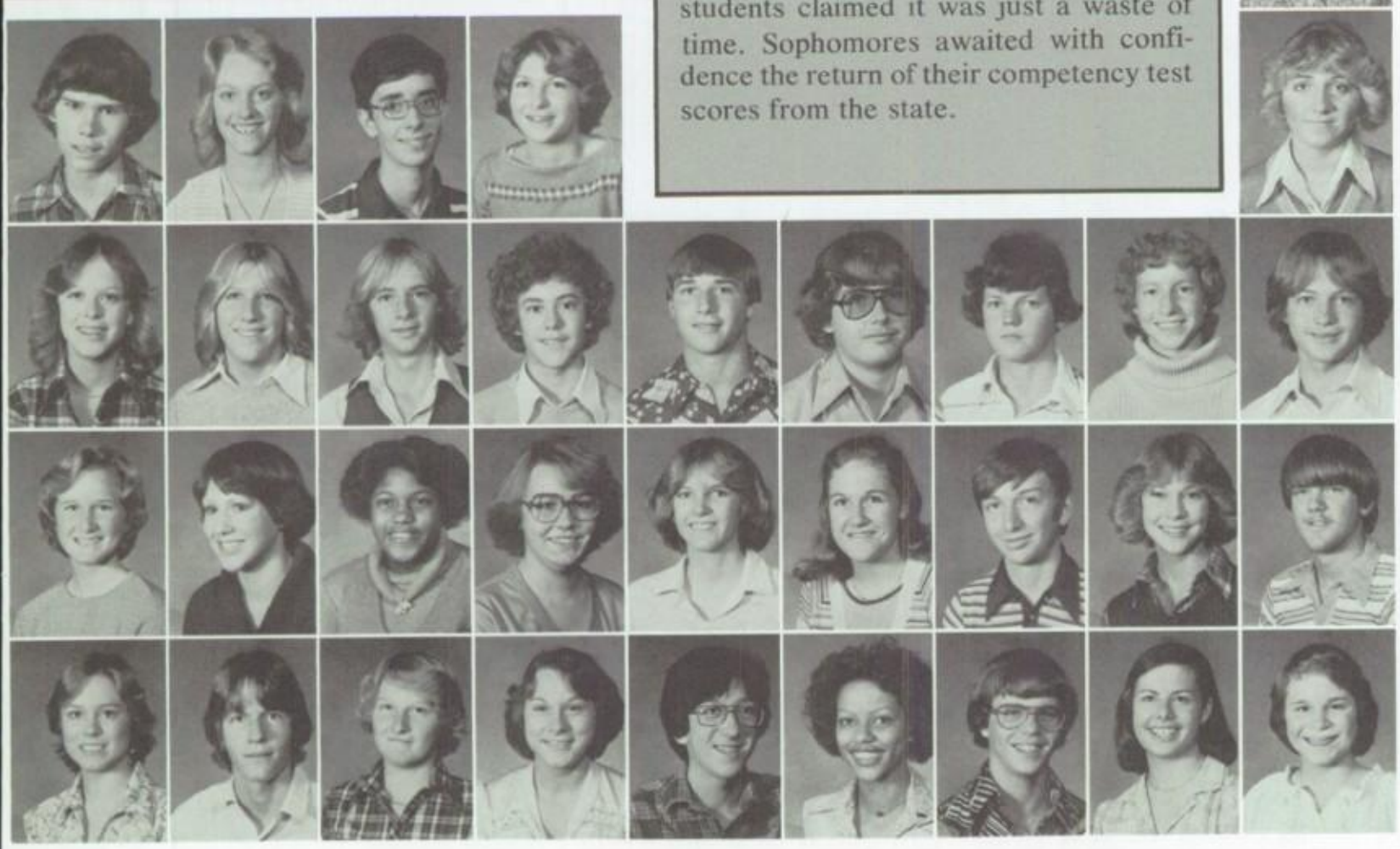
Barbara Cromer

Roddy Cupp

Scott Cupp

Cybele Daley

Louis Damron
Deborah Davis
Mark DeBusk
Gigi Deeb
Sabrina DeHart



Lisa Delay
Sue Dellers
Carl Dillon
Robert Donathan
James Dooley
David Dove
Willie Dowdy
Dana Drapeau
Troy Drewry
Jennifer Dye
Melissa Dymock
Brenda Eaves
Elaine Ebert
Susan Edmonds
Teresa Elmore
Marshall Elson
Tarenne Epley
Derwin Epperly
Teresa Epperly
Mike Estes
Teena Evans
Tammy Fain
Michael Fairbairn
Donna Farrow
Randy Field
Sylvia Field
Sherry Fleeger

More Than Skateboards And Gunracks

When most people need furniture, they buy it from a furniture store or maybe at an auction; however, some BHS students have taken a different route and have made their own furniture. A number of students, enrolled in the Industrial Arts class, undertook major woodworking projects.

Among these students were Sophomores Joe Cole with a mahagony pardoner's desk, Werner VanDamme with a pool table, Mark DeBusk with an oak roll top desk, and Lee Flowers with a stereo console cabinet. Because of the difficulty of their projects these students were either repeating the class or had had previous experience with the machines and tools.

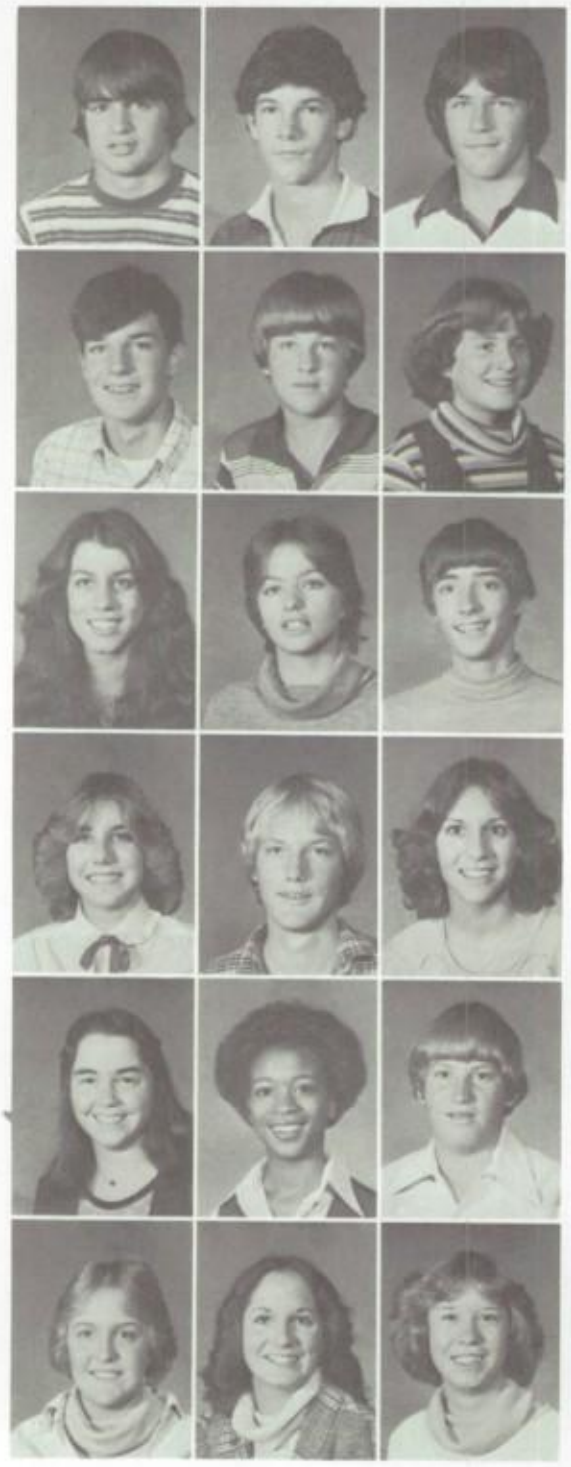
Although the majority of the first year students attempted less-complicated projects such as skateboards or gun racks for the first project, a few students did work on more demanding projects as did freshmen Laurel Lyle who made a wardrobe and Curt Isal who built a drafting table.

One senior, Randal Burch, in his third year of Industrial Arts, undertook the production of an entire maple bedroom suite. In previous years Randal had completed a chess table with matching pieces, a large dining room table and, along with Rodney Buchanan, he had assisted Mr. Trear, the Industrial Arts instructor, in creating a pool table from odds and ends.

Attempting to determine the minimun cost of putting a pool table together, they utilized old doors, desk tops, and drainage pipe, making the cost approximately seventy-five dollars.

The Industrial Arts class allowed the students the freedom of choosing any type of project within their ability and the freedom of working at their own pace. After being taught how to use the various machines with proper safety and such woodworking techniques as finishing, the students took both written tests and practical competency tests on the machines.

Under guidelines requiring that each project contain certain basic types of construction such as legs, rails, drawers or doors, and lay turning or carving, the students were still allowed flexibility. They could undertake a project even if it lacked one of these requirements if the project demanded a significant degree of difficulty.



Lee Flowers
Greg Franchina
Daniel Frederick

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Dean Fugate
Robin Fuller

Kathleen Furey
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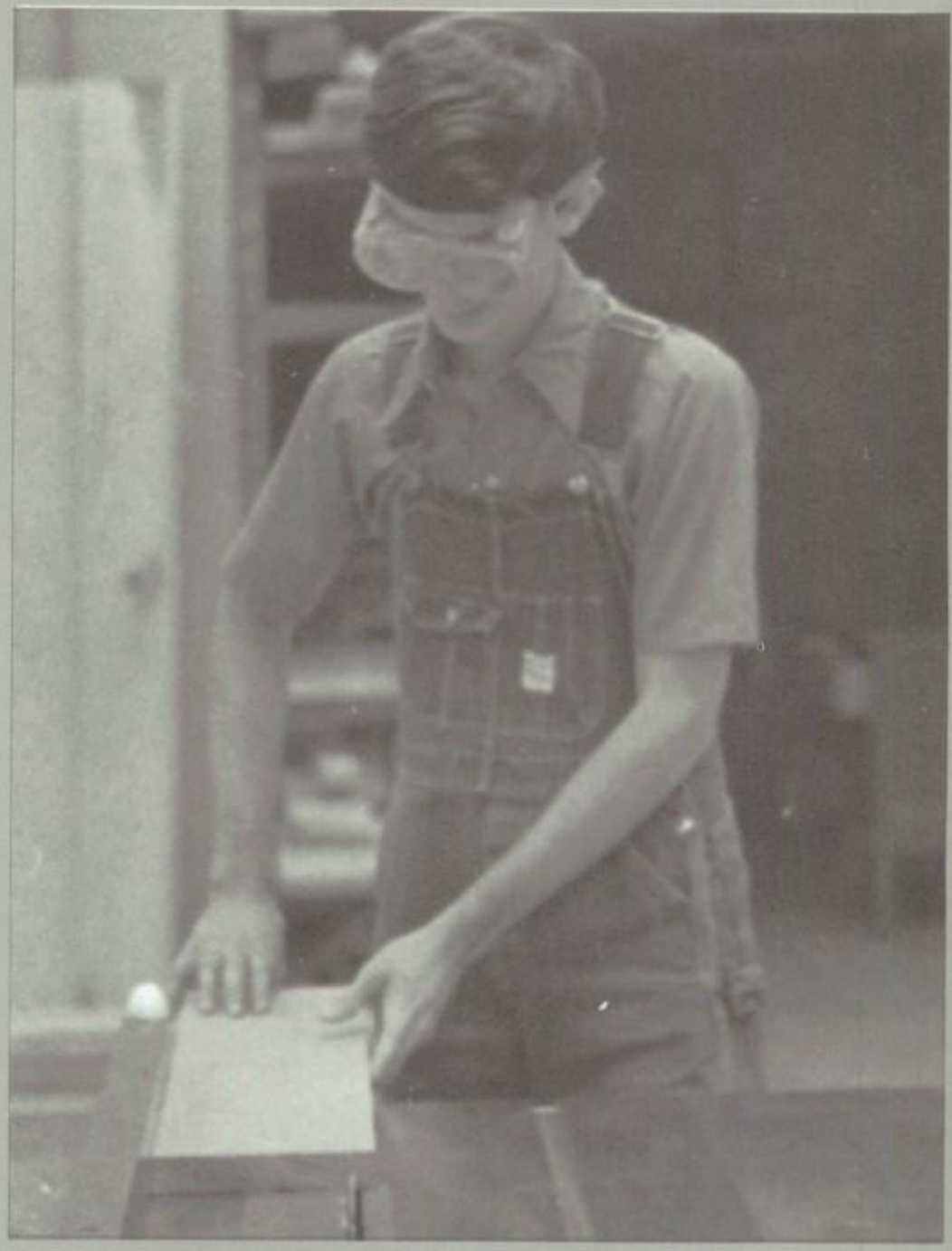
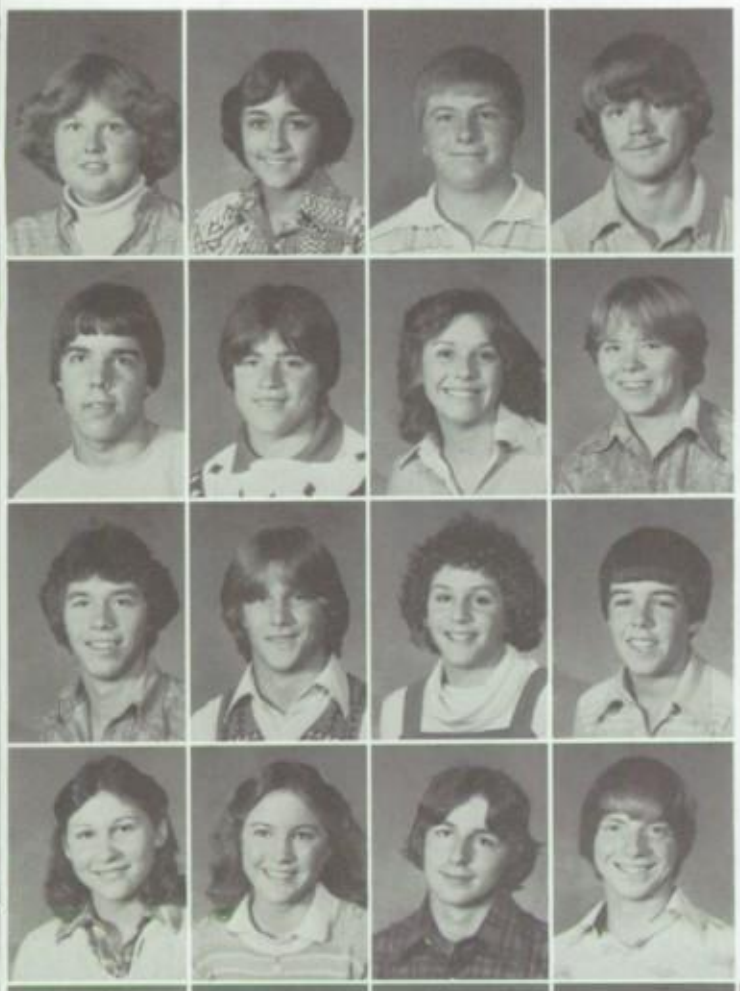
Sonny Grissom

Linda Gross
Dawn Guarino
Ann Hale



Working on his desk, Mark DeBusk demonstrates safety awareness by wearing goggles and carefully positioning his hands. Mark is constructing a roll top desk in his second year of Industrial Arts.



Terri Hale
Kari Hancock
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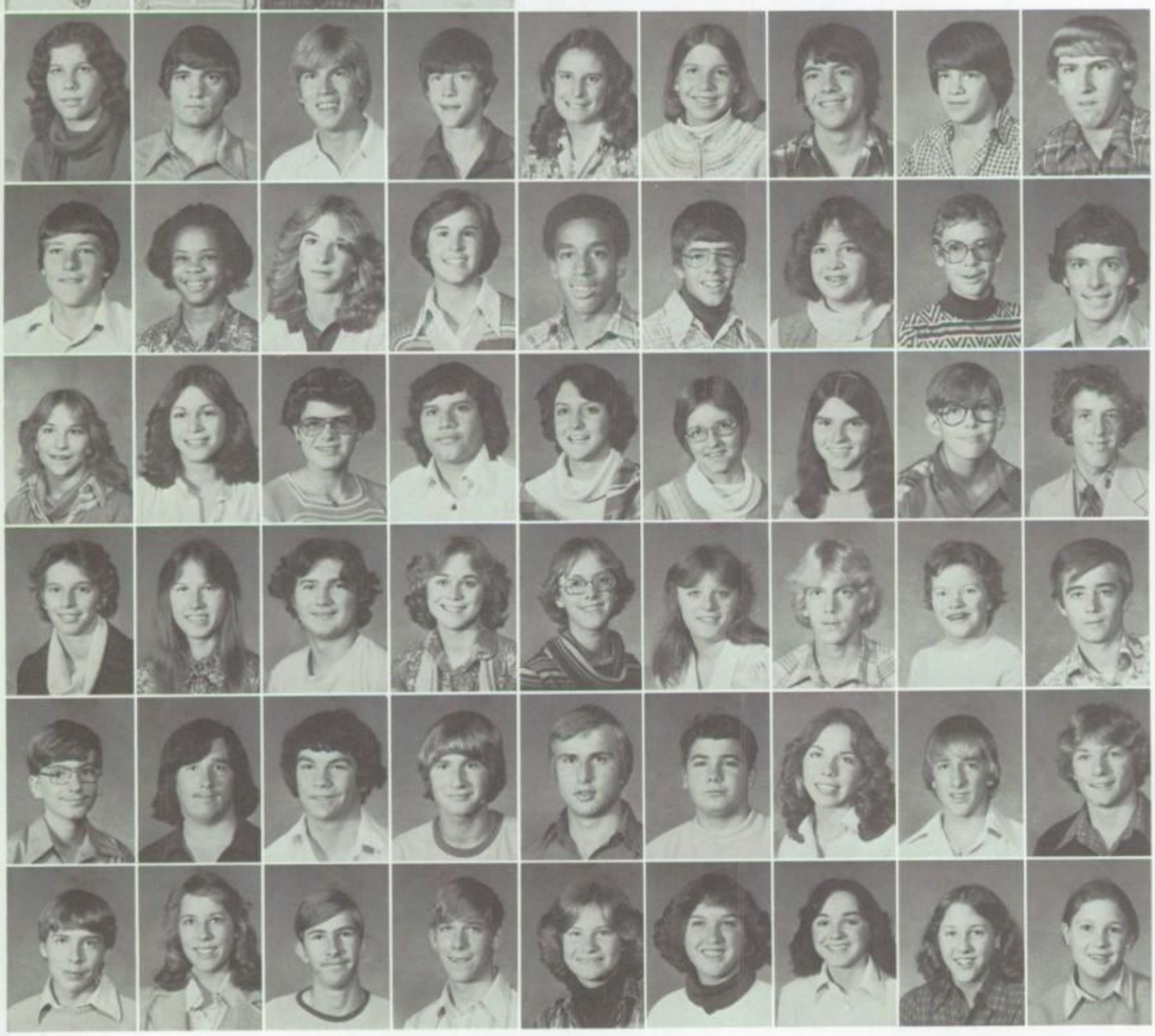
Doug Harless

Greg Heafner
Lance Heister
Penny Helms
Pam Helvey

Sam Helvey
Robert Hennessee
Tracy Hensley
Bruce Heterick

Heather Hoskisson
Susie Houska
Tim Huff
Tony Huffman

Togetherness. Carrie Collier, a majorette, and Allan Wolf, a drummer, try to keep warm at one of the home football games. Both are members of the Warrior Band.



Sandra Hungate
Guy Hunter
Joel Hutcheson
Peter Ifju
Kathey Inger
Laurie Jarrett
Robert Johnson
Brooks Johnston
Darrell Jones
J.B. Jones
Nina Jones
Grace Keller
Laurie Kerns
Greg Keys
Chris King
Lori Kirk
Dale Kirkpatrick
Mark Klemperer
Chris Klobus
Barbara Krutchkoff
Andrea Lambert
Mike Langebeck
Lori Lavery
Christine Lentner
Barbara Lineweaver
Dale Linkous
David Linkous
Deborah Linkous
Doris Linkous
Gary Linkous
Laurie Linkous
Tammy E. Linkous
Tammy Linkous
John Litschert
Lisa Lockwood
David Long
Jerry Lovern
Kenny Lovern
Scutter Lowe
Brad Martens
Robert Martin
Tory Martinez
Anne Mason
Mark Matusevich
Steve McClung
James McCollum
Jennie McCollum
Charles McCoy
Todd McCoy
Kathy McGee
Barbie McGrath
Julie McMurray
Jenny Merkel
Lisa Meyer

Glenda Miller
Teresa Miller
Steve Mischke

Louise Mitsianis
Curtis Mo
April Montgomery

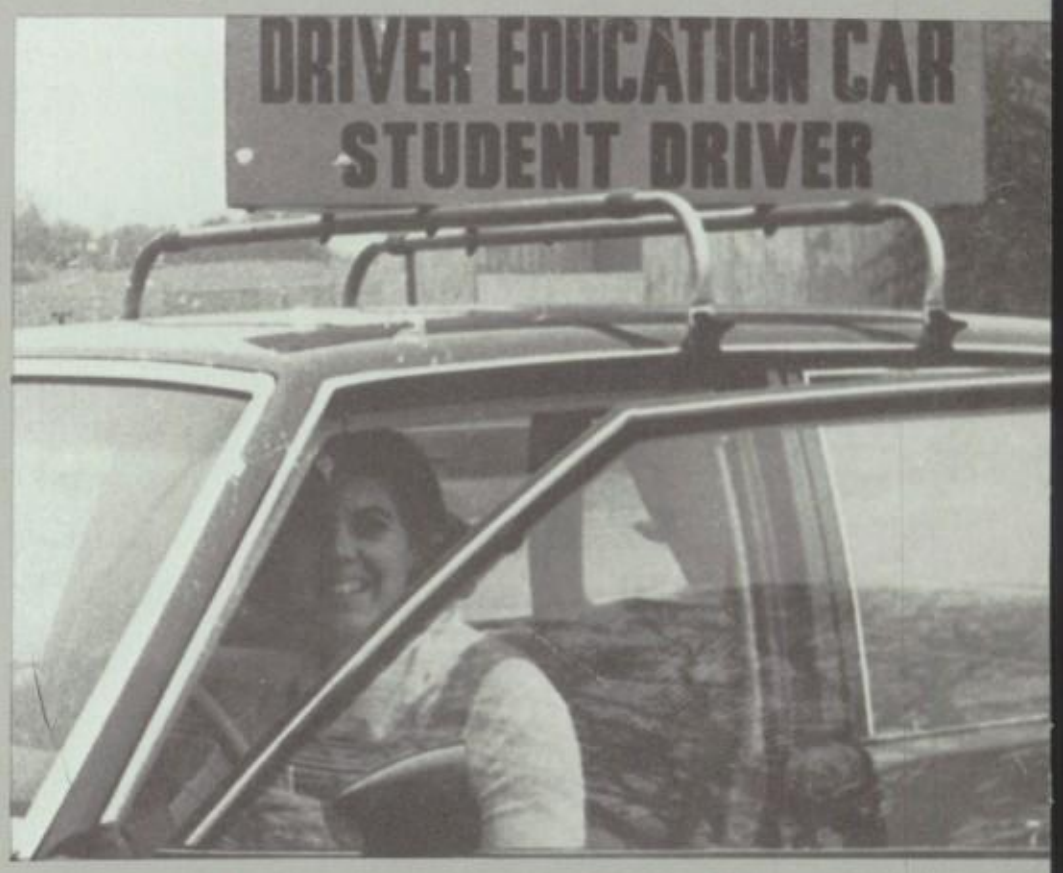
Ged Moody
Brenda Moore
Pam Moore

Susan Moore
Suzanne Mullen
Billy Myers

Vanessa Myers
Leah O'Dell
Norma Odham

Michael Ogliaruso
Danny Olinger
Brenda Oliver
Mickey O'Neill
Rebecca Orr
Leda Oxendine
Randy Parks
Hunter Pascarosa
Kathy Pascoe
Kelly Patterson
Jim Pavlik
Rodney Perdue
Karen Perfater
Melissa Plaugher
Doreen Poff
Mark Potter
Molly Prater
Adrienne Price
Darrell Price
Greg Price
Jenny Price
Jerry Price
Timmy Price
Greg Puckett
Dickie Quesenberry
Mattie Quesenberry
Steve Quesenberry
Tracy Quesenberry
Darren Rader
Bill Randall
George Reed
Mike Richardson
Larie Riddle
Kathy Ross
Linda Ruszler
Steve Saban
Kurt Salisbury
Joe Sandoval
Kim Sappington
Pam Schmidt
Scarlett Schneider
Steven Schug
Janeen Schultz
Donna Sebolt
Doug Shaver

Sophomores Take To



Behind-the-Wheel of the driver's ed. car, Mrs. Deal demonstrates the points on the safety check list. Sophomores must memorize this list which includes checking lights, horn, signals, windshield wipers, and adjusting seat and mirrors.

The Road

After dragging myself out of bed at 6:30, I went to my first class of Behind-the-Wheel. The driver instructor, Mrs. Deal, gave the class a feel for her expectations by telling us what would happen if we did not follow instructions!

The class was taken out on the driving range for a tour of the cars. My partner and I were allowed to drive Number 27, "a 1947 classic." The speed limit on the range was 10 mph, but among us, we had a few speed demons. The cars raced around the range, playing follow-the-leader with each other.

Within a week, we were ready for the range test. The class had been practicing its parallel parking, "the eight" and "the X," trying to get it all down to perfection. Mrs. Deal was by the parallel parking area, yardstick in hand, waiting to measure the distance between the car and the curb.

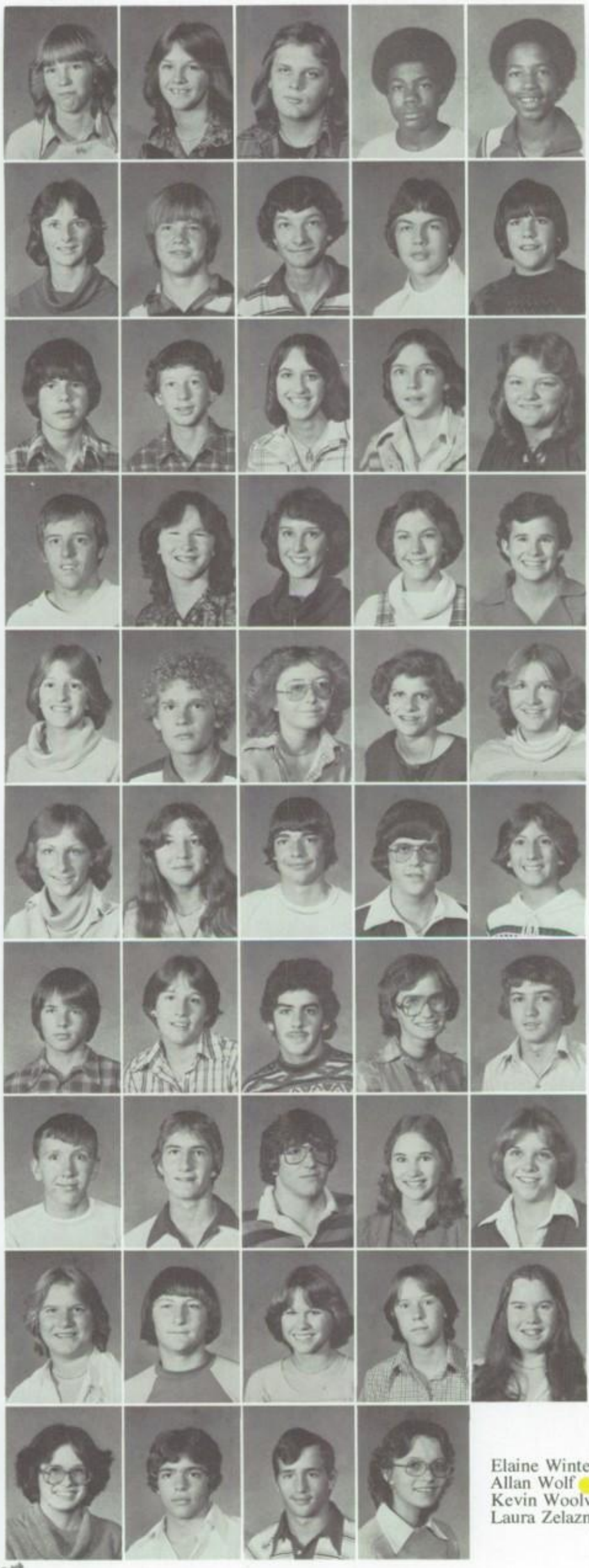
Mrs. Deal graded us all at once !! amazed me how she could watch one car do the eight, one do the X, and measure the parallel parking at the same time, but we never underestimated Mrs. Deal's abilities.

Then came the day we went out on the road. When my partner and I went out, I drove first. I was instructed to read all signs and speed limits out loud. Mrs. Deal told us to pretend the steering wheel was a clock and to keep our hands at the imaginary hours of ten and two, at all times.

In the cars there were two brakes, one on the driver's side and one on the passenger's side. Mrs. Deal had a seemingly annoying habit of braking for me.

The high point of the day was when we went to McDonald's so Mrs. Deal could buy her breakfast. I soon realized that her strategy was to see if I could keep my mind on driving when the smell of a cheese Danish kept drifting toward me.

Taking everything into consideration, Behind-the-Wheel was not so bad. Mrs. Deal decided whether or not one had had enough experience to get his license. If she decided one was not ready, one need not worry as she never assigned more than twenty additional practice hours. Believe me, I know.



Karen Shaw
Maleta Sheppard
Robert Sheppard
Darren Sherman
Tyrone Sherman

Sandra Short
Phillip Shotts
Benjie Simmers
Mike Sink
David Skelly

Jim Skipper
Glenn Skutt
Carrie Slusser
Angie Smibert
Anita Smith

Jessie Smith
Lisa Smith
Mary Hunter Smith
Sarah Starling
Perri Strawn

Trenece Sublett
George Teekell
Wanda Thompson
Lynn Tilley
Cairole Troutman

Faith Turner
Linda Vaden
Werner VanDamme
Darrell Vaught
Ann Walker

Chris Walker
Amy Walters
Gary Warburton
Lisa Waterson
Tim Webb

Dennis Weeks
Greg Wesley
Baird Whelan
Bonnie Whitaker
Linda White

Patricia Whitlock
Mike Whittaker
Laura Wierwille
Celia Wills
Elizabeth Wills

Elaine Winters
Allan Wolf
Kevin Woolwine
Laura Zelazny

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Class of '82

"Hey, did you see the moon last night? I keep forgetting to do my moon watch."

"Good grief. I forgot too, but I finally finished **Romeo and Juliet.** Personally, I'm beginning to wish I hadn't taken so many classes. There's so much else to do like the dances and stuff."

"I know what you mean, not like last year. How many clubs did you decide to join?"

"Oh, a couple. Football takes up most of my time though."

"Did you make varsity?"

"As a freshman? Heck no."

"Well, maybe next year. I guess we can't expect top billing, being at the bottom of the totem pole and everything."

"Yeah, you're right. I also expected a hassle from the upperclassmen, but they've been fairly decent."

"Uh, huh. From all the rumors we heard last year I didn't think I'd make it through this year alive. No one really seems to care, though. No rotten treatment, nothing."

"Except from the teachers. If I get sent to detention once more Mom will kill me. She's getting sick of coming to pick me up."

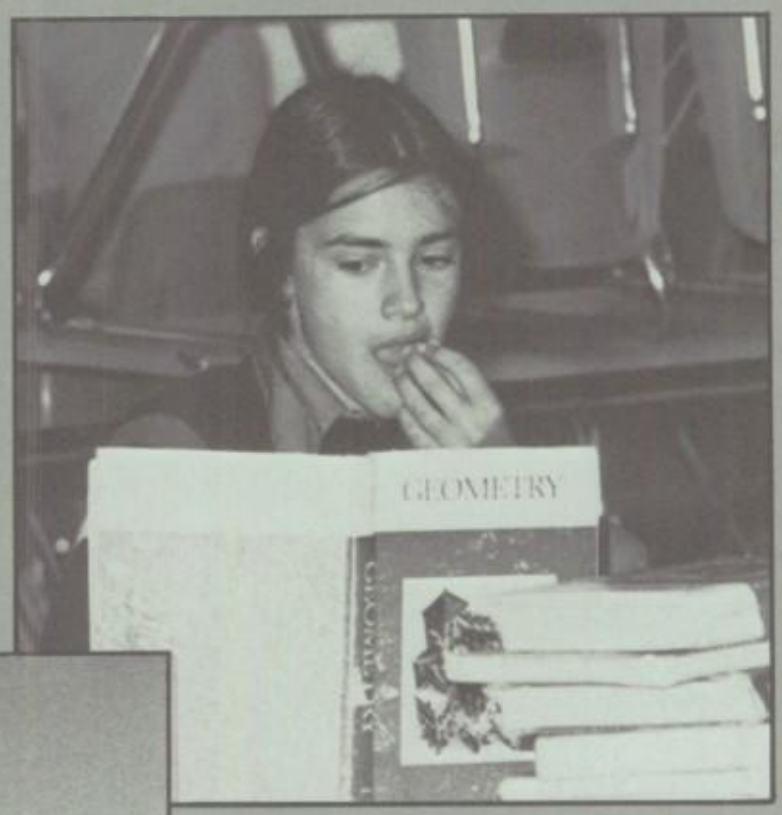
"Same here and you know exams are coming up and I don't even know what they're like."

"Gross, don't mention stuff like that. I gotta go or I'm gonna be late to Spanish."

"Ok. Well, I'll see you around."

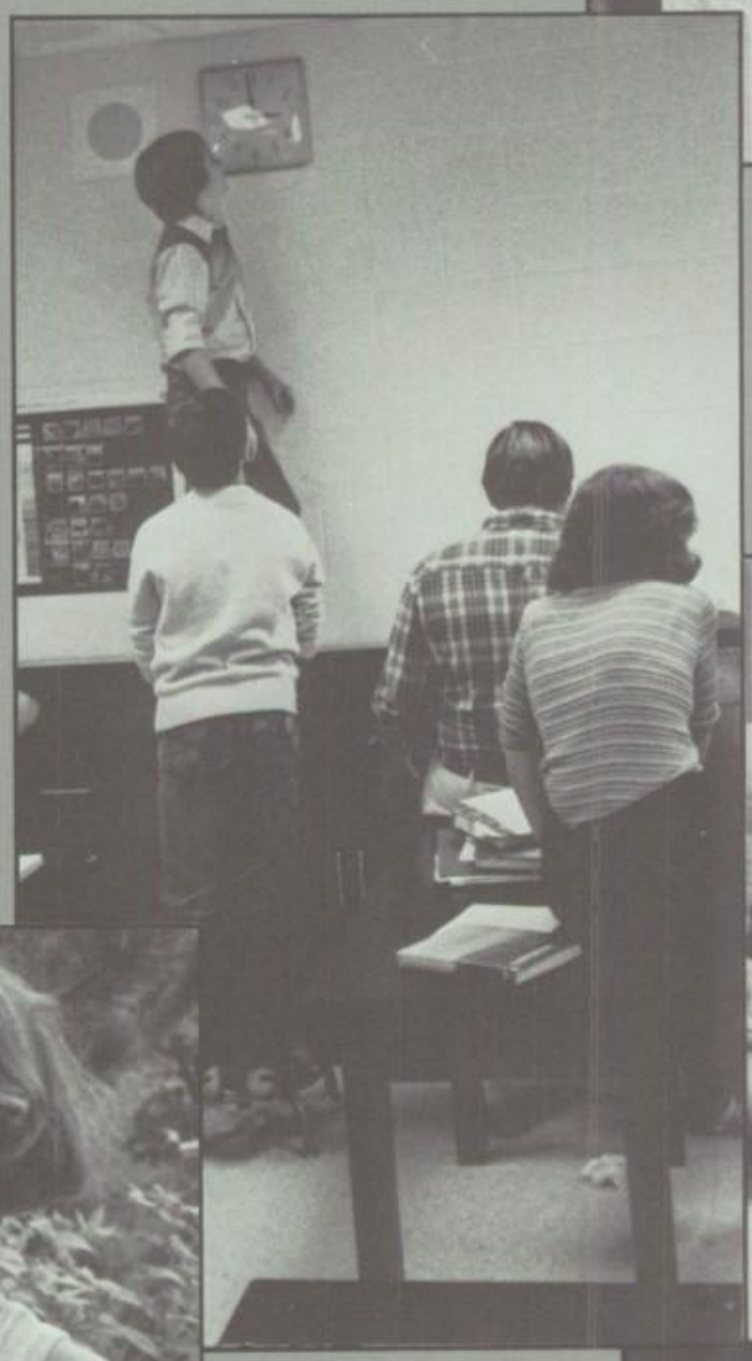
"Sure, hasta la vista!"

Freshman Class Officers. Front: Vernon Baker (President), Vicky Brown (Secretary). **Back:** Kevin Albert (Vice-President), Allen Campbell (Treasurer), Mrs. Burleson (Sponsor).



Killing two birds. Freshman Suzanne McNair quickly learns how to save time in her busy high school schedule by studying for geometry and eating her lunch simultaneously.

A Closer Look. Doug Testerman and Jeff Robinson keep track of the time for the lab that T-Bird Harper and Carolyn Price are completing for Mrs. Burleson's seventh period ESCP class.



Individual attention. Anne Roth and Mike Matusevich do some in-class work that has been assigned so that they can get individual attention from the teacher if they have any problems.

Having fun. Rena Kaplan of the JV Cheerleading squad seems to enjoy practice which is held during the summer. Cheerleaders begin practice during the late summer in order to be ready for the first games of the football season.

Margarete Ache
Albert Adler
Ken Agee
Janice Albert
Joe Albert
Judy Albert
Kevin Albert
Mike Alexander
Janet Allen

Ray Allen
Audrey Anderson
Debbie Anderson
Scott Anderson
Dewayne Arthur
Dina Badour
Tarik Badour
James Baker
Penny Baker

Vernon Baker
Trudy Ballas
Daniel Bame
Jay Beams

Paul Benoit
Laura Berry
Marcus Berry
Melanie Bevins

Christopher Bircher
Thesa Bird
Robby Blanton
Peggy Bowen

Jeff Bowyer
Becky Bradford
Steven Brinlee
Danny Brooks

Dede Brown
Rodney Brown
Vicky Brown
Debbie Brusseau

Allen Bryant
Ami Buikema
Gary Buss
Mary Byers

Debbie Byrd
Pat Cadzow
Allen Caldwell
Leon Caldwell
Allen Campbell
Steve Carr
Suzanne Carr
Lynn Carson
Brad Coffey

"High School Life

Lunch Break? Kim Price now works during her lunch period in order to keep up with the heavier homework load at the high school. At the middle school the faculty teaches in groups. They meet together and discuss lesson plans so as not to assign tests and major projects on the same day.

Andrea Colley
James Collins
Trey Collins
Anna Cook
Jim Costain
Ricky Cowan
Stephanie Cox
Donna Criner
Jeff Criner

Debbie Cromer
Donald Cromer
Michael Crump
Kit Cummings
Tim Cundiff
Todd Davis
Patty Debney
Thomas DeBusk
Mary DeHart

Not So Bad"

Freshmen experienced a drastic change when they left the security of the middle school and entered the strange, new high school.

Kevin Albert and Kim Price, both freshmen, compared high school life to the middle school and agreed they liked the high school much better for various reasons.

When asked what she liked best about the high school, Kim replied, "I like the freedom. We were confined at the middle school. Now we are allowed to go to dances and hops; also we are allowed a longer amount of time between classes."

Kevin felt the high school teachers were lacking, in that they didn't spend enough time with each student. "The middle school teachers gave students individual attention; here they didn't." But he hastened to add, "I can understand this since the high school teachers have more to do and not enough time to help each student individually."

In addition, Kim missed the regulated homework. "Here I've had as many as four tests in one day. At the middle school, teachers would coordinate homework so the students wouldn't be overworked."

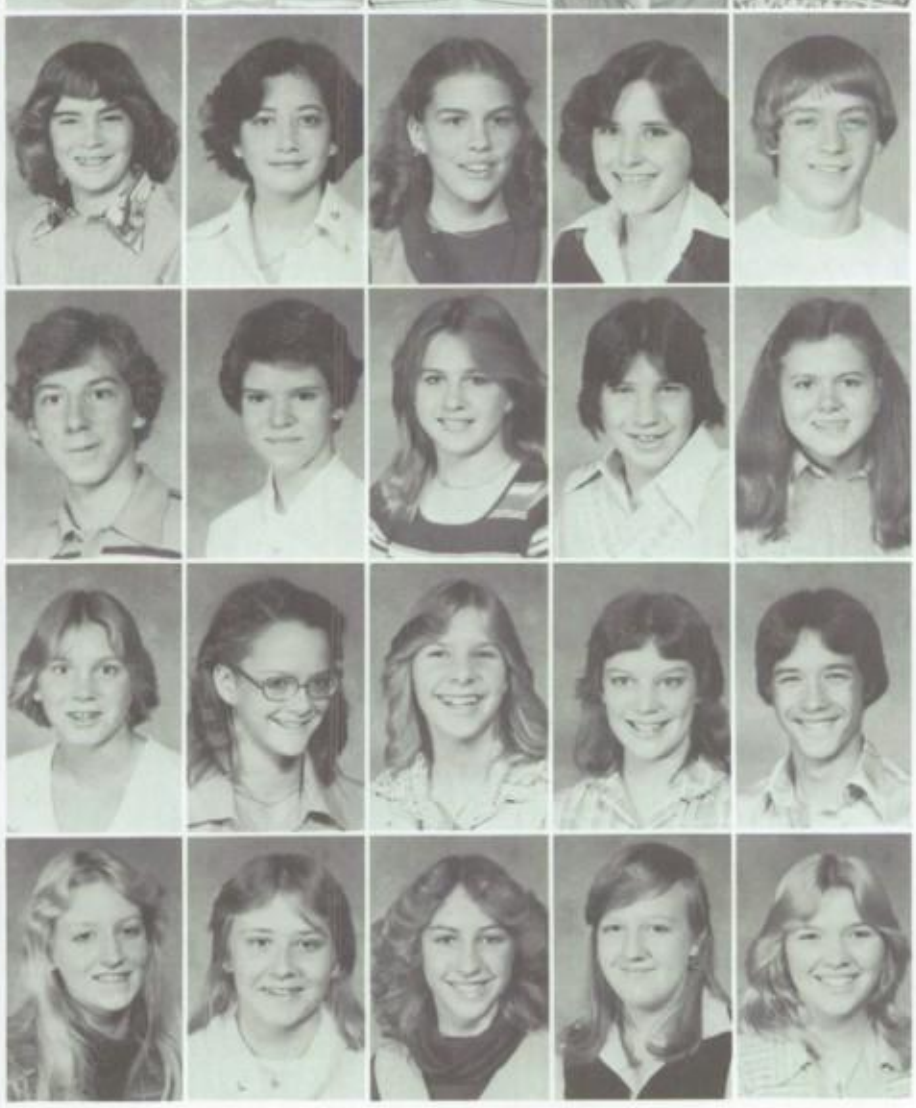
Kevin and Kim both felt they had to be wary of the upperclassmen. "At the middle school, we could act how we wanted; no one cared. Here, we have to be careful about the impression we make or the upperclassmen will look down on us."

All in all, Kevin and Kim have enjoyed being members of the high school. Speaking for the freshmen class, Kevin said, "We aren't treated like kids anymore."

James Devens
Lenora Dickerson
Sue Dowdy
Kent Eaton
Jenny Eiss

Debby Elliott
Melanie Elliott
Norman Elliott
Gayle Estes
Sherry Estes

David Etgen
Robert Fain
Lee Faulkner
Bruce Faunce
Mackie Fitzgerald



Lori Fleeger
Julie Flynn
Lisa Fore
Liz Frary
Raymond Frazier

Rick Frizzell
Elizabeth Furr
Beth Furrow
Mary Garst
Jackie Gay

Rachel Gibbs
Sara Gilbert
Donna Gnegy
Holly Goodsell
Jon Gotow

Gloria Graham
Lynn Graham
Sandy Graham
Tina Graham
Tonya Graham

Crockett Gray
Glenda Gray
Tracie Gray
Wanda Gray
Robert Gresty

Heather Griffin
Bruce Griggs
Tod Grigsby
Robin Hale
Walter Hale

Bruce Hammond
Greg Hannsgen
Paul Harless
Thomas Harper
Julie Hartenstein

Joe Havlicek
John Hay
Steve Heafner
Steve Heath
Kirk Herdman

Tim Heslep
Vicki Higginbotham
Michael Hill
Teresa Hodge
● Filiz Holt

Mark Hoskisson
Chris Howard
Renee Hughes
Todd Hughes
Carol Jakielski
Lars Jenssen
John Johnston
Kathy Jones
Susan Jones

Rena Kaplan
Ben Keller
Maureen Kelley
Keith King
Joey Kipps
David Kittinger
David Larsen
Charles Layman
Lisa Layman

Kris Leighton
Ethan Lenker
Catherine Lile
Alissa Lindstrom
Linda Linkous
Marsha Linkous
Sheila Linkous
Trisha Linkous
Eddie Lockwood

Edward Long
Ricky Long
Vicky Long
Freddie Lovern
Linda Lovingood
Robert Lowe
Scott Lowe
Teresa Lucas
Laura Lyall

What Do You

— "What do I think of coed P.E.? I hate it! The boys are stupid. Whenever you make a mistake they get mad and tease you. Oh, Susie, can I borrow your brush now? How do I look?"

— "How do I feel about coed P.E.? Well, I'm just glad we don't have to play football with the girls. Volleyball is bad enough."

— "Coed P.E.? It's all right — nothing to get excited about though. It depends on the boys you have in your class. Some are really nice about it when you miss the ball and stuff. Hey, Caroline, Miss Dillon isn't going to let you wear **those** shorts."

— "It's okay until you try to make an impression on some girl and can't even get the ball over the net. That's really embarrassing."

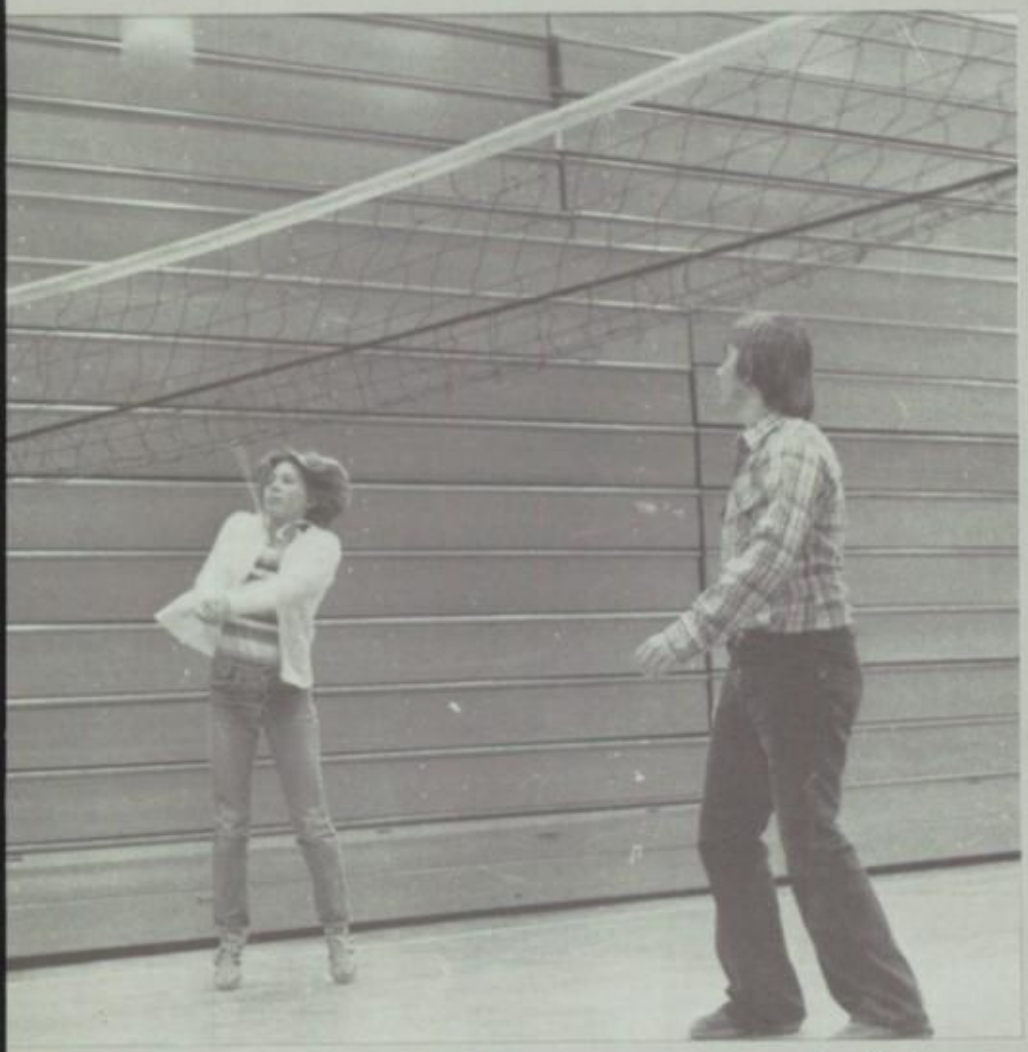
— "I think coed P.E. works out pretty good, if we let the guys do the work and they let us keep the score straight."

— "Coed P.E.? It stinks!"

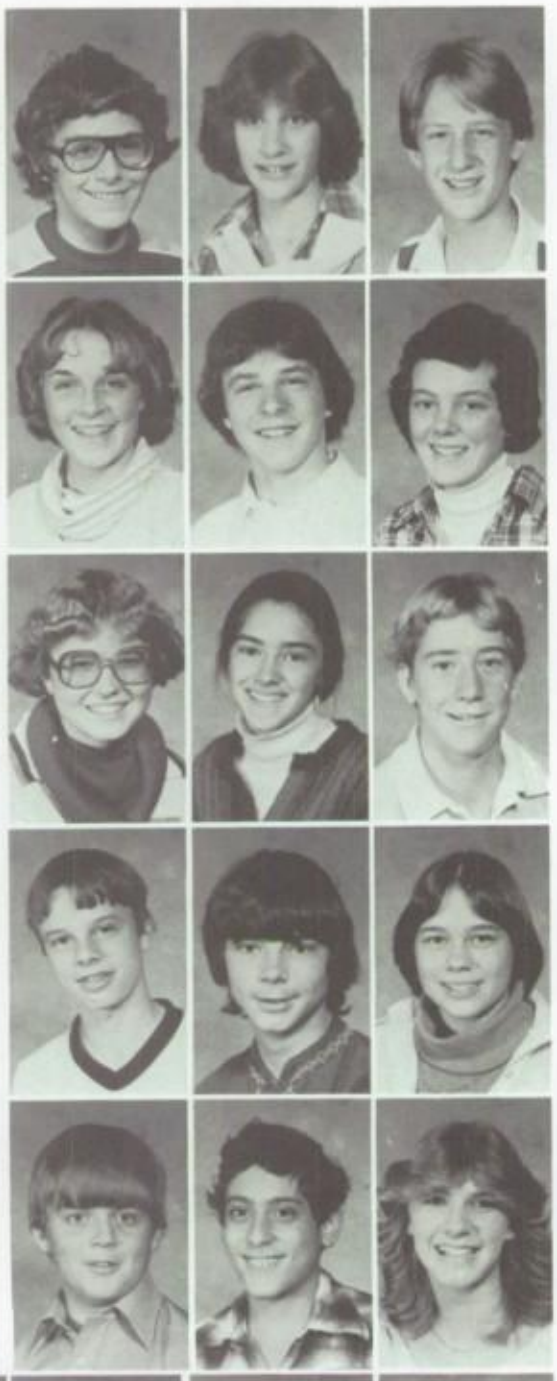
— "I like coed. When we play speedball with the girls I don't look so bad."

— "Put it this way, I'd rather run the 600 than have P.E. with the girls."

Think of Coed P.E.?



ump. Rachel Gibbs and Dewayne Arthur improve their basic volleyball skills, by prac-cing the bump. The freshmen play volleyball, speedball, and other games coed. Some mes like football still are played separately.



Michael Lytton
Chris MacLachlan
Mike Marin

Becky Marsh
Mike Matusevich
Robin McCluney

Lynn McCoy
Suzanne McNair
Oakey McNew

Brian McNitt
Mark Miller
Kathy Mischke

David Mitcham
David Mokarem
Charlese Moore

Kirsten Moore
Timmy Moore
Cheryl Morris
Laura Muller
Joe Munson
Lisa Neel
Warren Neily
Scott Obenchain
Penny Odham

Karen Olinger
Mary Beth Oliver
Jamie Palmer
Kay Parsons
Jack Pascorosa
Lynn Pendergrass
Ray Perkins
Vincent Petrecca
Jim Phillips

Julie Phillips
Chris Pierce
Dana Pirkle
Bradley Plaugher
Leanne Polan
Tikki Prestrude
Carolyn Price
Debbie Price
Greg Price

Kim Price
Mike Price
Rex Price
Sherry Price
Evelyn Prickett
Troy Purcell
Larry Quesenberry
Dianne Rader
Robin Reynolds

Valerie Roback
Jeff Robinson
Dave Rockey
Shane Romig
Anne Roth
Susan Rowlett
Kurt Russel
Ronnie Saacke
Melodie Sacco

Laura Salmon
Dick Sandoval
Paul Sappington
Billy Saric
Barry Saville
Sherry Schmidt
Willie Schmidt
Jeff Shaver
William Shaver

Patty Shelor
John Shepherd
Angie Sheppard
Dreama Sheppard
Tommy Sheppard
Audrey Siegel
Rhonda Slusser
Lori Smith
Marsha Smith

Mike Smith
Lynda Sojka
Cammie Sowers

Jeff Sowers
Diane Stafford
Tom Stephenson

Allison Taylor
Jean Paul Terrell
Doug Testerman

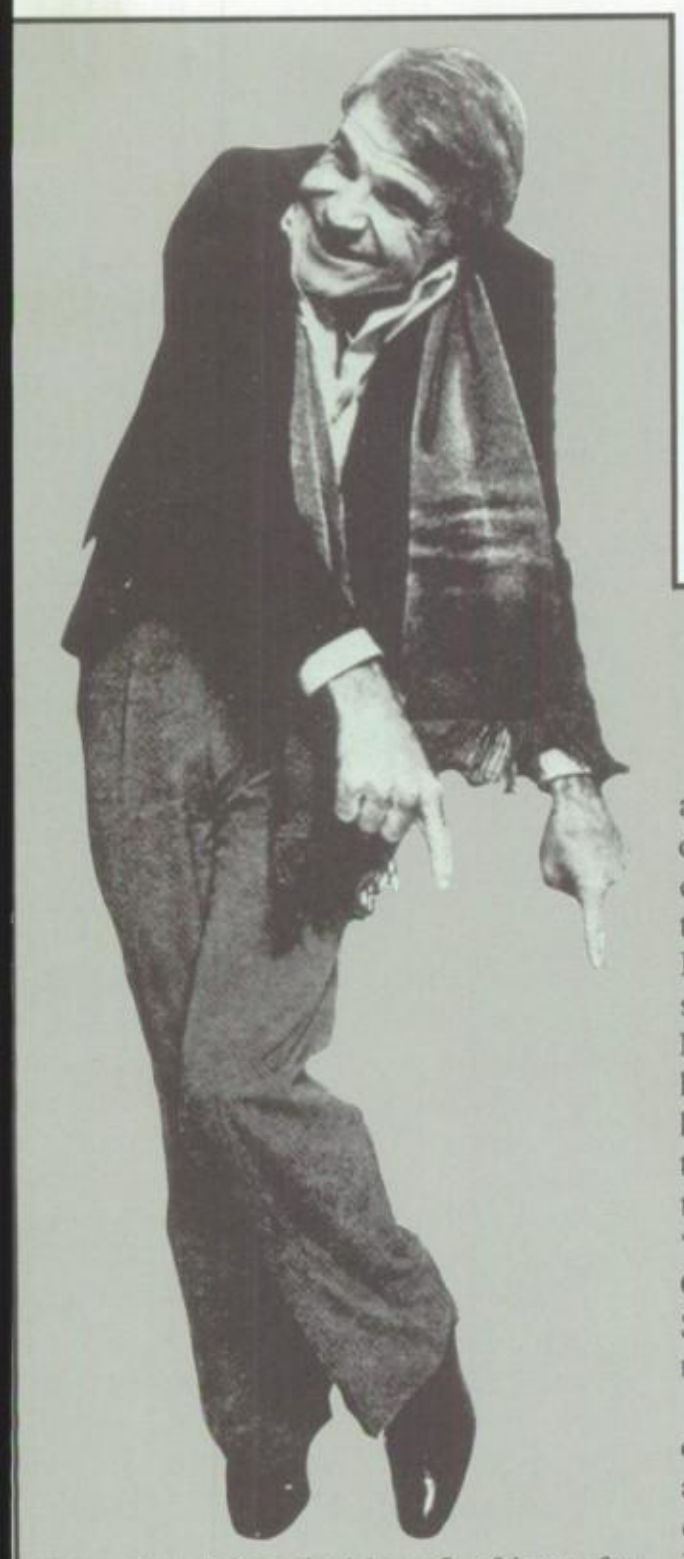
Here's mine. As soon as Keith King receives his student directory he finds his own number and shows his friend, Mark Hoskisson. As a service, the Student Council organizes and prints the new directories which contain the phone numbers of students.

Joy Tlou
Chris Todd
Jeff Trimble
Alexandra Trower
Linda Turner
Alvin Underwood
Kirsten VandeBerg
Grace Vaughn
John Vaught

Steve Veit
Pam Viers
Eric Wade
Sharyl Walker
Mary Weaver
Pat Weddle
Cary Whaley
Jerry Whitaker
Beth Wiggert

Jimbo Willard
Stephen Williams
Pat Wilson
Denise Woolwine
Sara Wortman
Branwen Wright
Joanne Yousten
Lisa Zelazny

"Jimbo"



Happy feet. Being seized by a fit of happy feet, which sends him careening across the stage like a clomping ballerina, is only a small part of Steve Martin's comedy routine. His comedy, unlike the iconoclastic and political humor of the sixties, is a return to the slapstick of vaudeville, a form of escapism bordering on lunacy. Martin reveals his secret for comic success as, "before coming on stage, I put a slice of bologna in each shoe so I will feel funny."

Kathy Atkisson, 11
Rodney Browning, 9
Karl Burns, 11
James Carson, 10
Darryl Cook, 10

Cliv Cranwell, 11
Brenda Cromer, 9
~~Bob Dawson, 10~~ DEAD
Brownie Deemer, 9
Glynis Epperly, 9

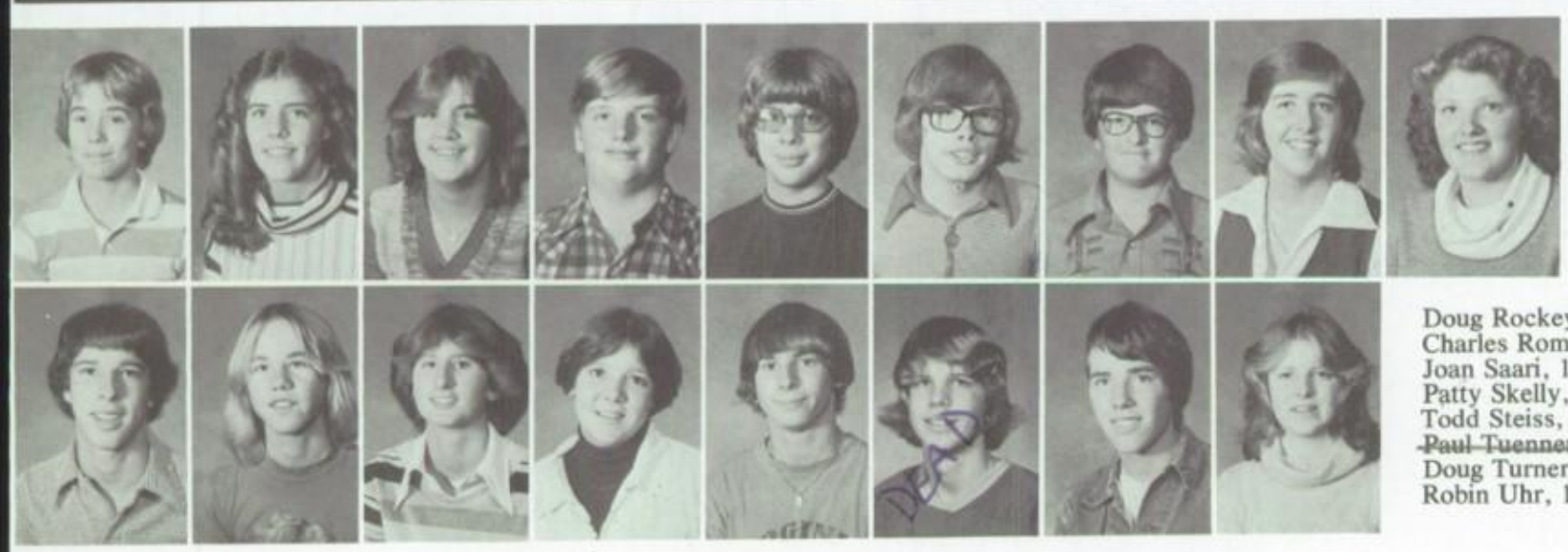
One Wild And Crazy Guy

"Well, excuuse me" and "I'm a wild and crazy guy" have infiltrated the student conversations at BHS. Students could frequently be heard mimicking these and other lines from comic Steve Martin. Appearances on such television shows as the **Tonight Show, Saturday Night Live,** and his own television special have sky rocketed his national fame and have made Steve Martin one of the main topics of students' conversations. His two hit albums — the newest being "Wild and Crazy Guy," and the Grammy Award Winning "Let's Get Small" became the possessions of numerous students.

As one of the most popular guest-hosts of **Saturday Night Live,** Martin became associated with a number of skits such as one with Not Yet Ready for Prime Time Player Dan Aykroyd in which they played two swinging Czecholslovakian playboys. Martin's own routines have included parodies on taking drugs where he "gets small" instead of high and on prejudices where he ridiculously claimed to be a discriminated against Rubberhead.

Steve Martin's comedy style had no hostility because his purpose was to have fun. He utilized the ridiculous and absurd in his routines as when he asked: "How many people have cats? Now let me ask you this . . . do ya trust 'em? Because I've gotta a pair of cat handcuffs . . . and I gotta get 'em fast. What a drag . . . I found out my cat was embezzling from me. You think you know a cat for ten years, he pulls something like this. I found out that while I was away, he would go to the mailbox, pick up the checks, take 'em down to the bank and cash 'em . . . disguised as me. I wouldn't have caught him, but I went out to his house, outside, where he sleeps . . . and there was about $3,000 worth of cat toys out there. And you can't return 'em 'cause they have spit all over them."

Steve Martin was "one wild and crazy guy . . . the kind who might like to do anything . . . at anytime . . . to drink champagne at 3 a.m. . . . or maybe at 4 a.m. . . . eat a live chipmunk . . . or maybe even . . . WEAR TWO SOCKS ON ONE FOOT."



John Harman, 10
Kari Humphreys, 9
Kris Humphreys, 10
Woody Hungate, 10
Jeff Kellerhouse, 9
Charles Linkous, 10
Garland Perdue, 10
Frances Price, 9
Robin Reed, 11

Doug Rockey,11
Charles Roman, 9
Joan Saari, 11
Patty Skelly, 11
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Doug Turner, 10
Robin Uhr, 11

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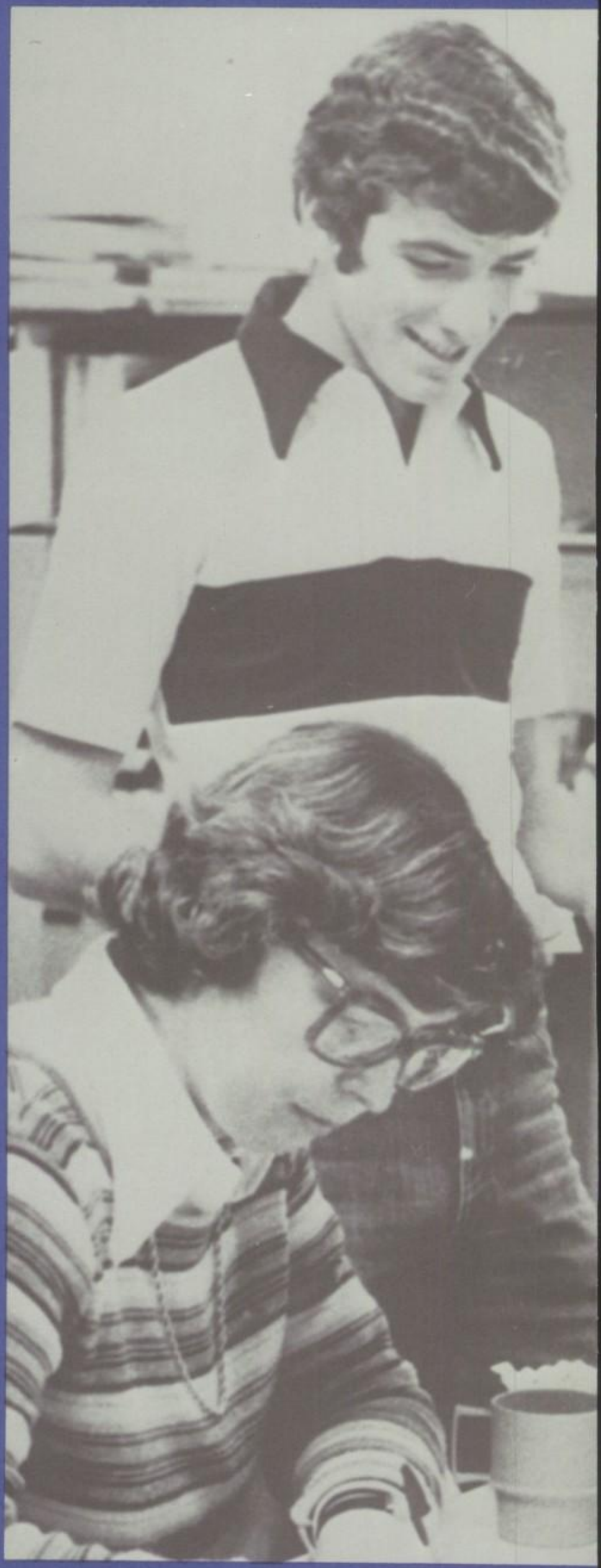
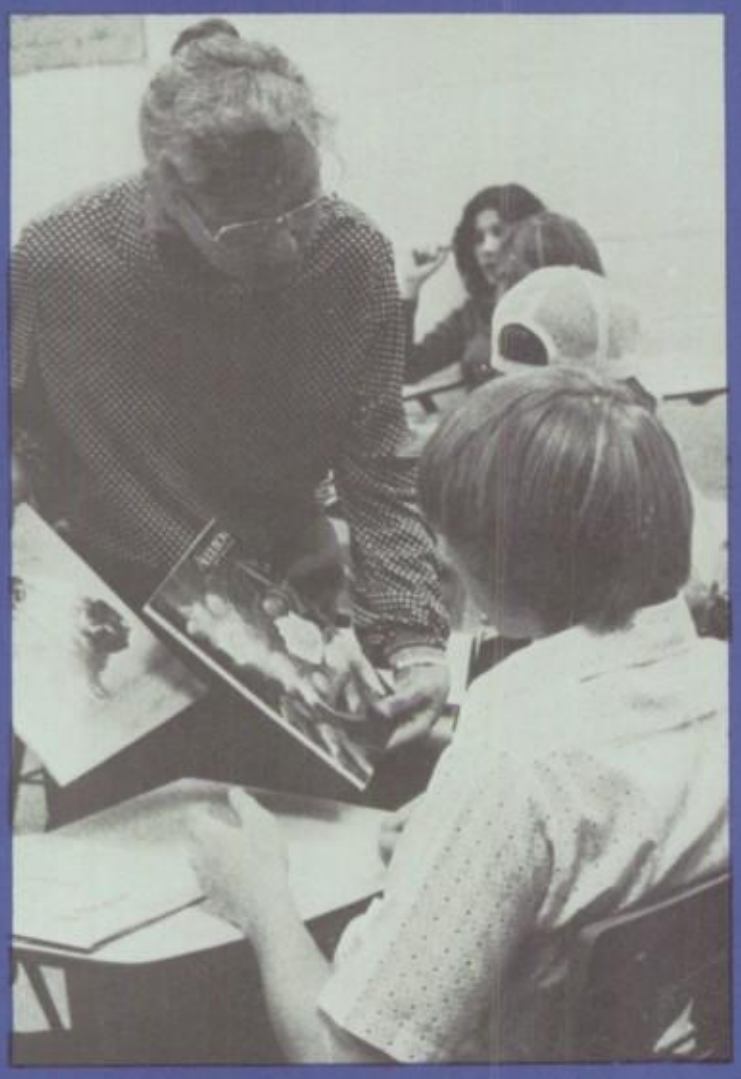
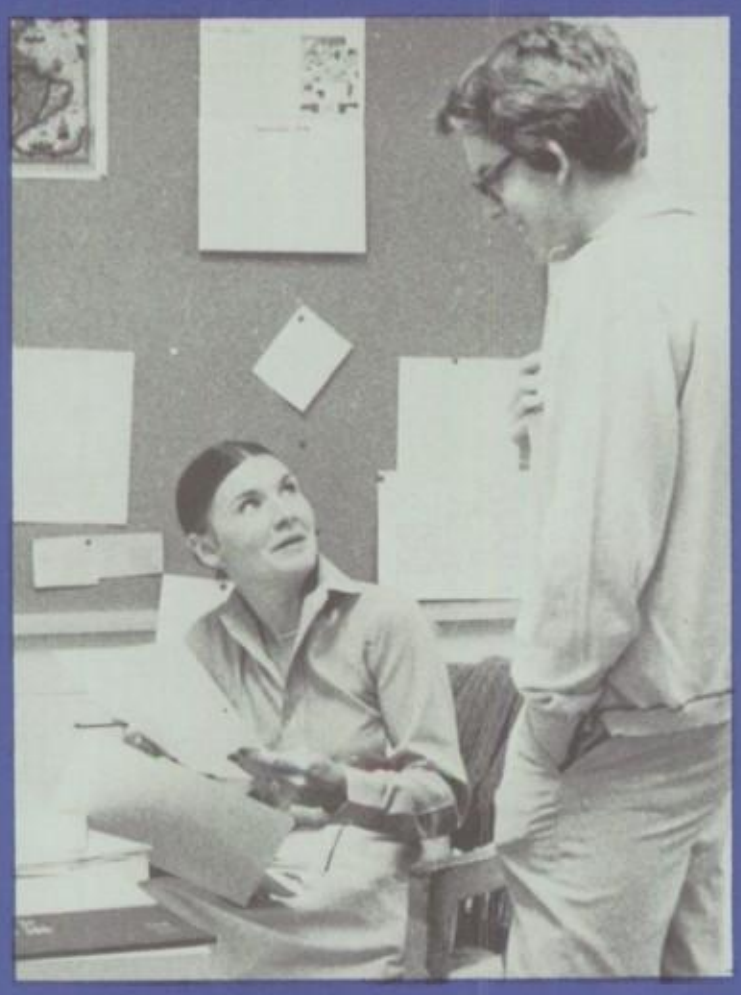
Just Try to Imagine Life Without Direction



Decision-Makers. Mrs. Perkins and Senior class Co-President Bruce Harrison make decisions dealing with Senior class projects. As a class sponsor Mrs. Perkins puts in many extra hours helping seniors coordinate these projects.

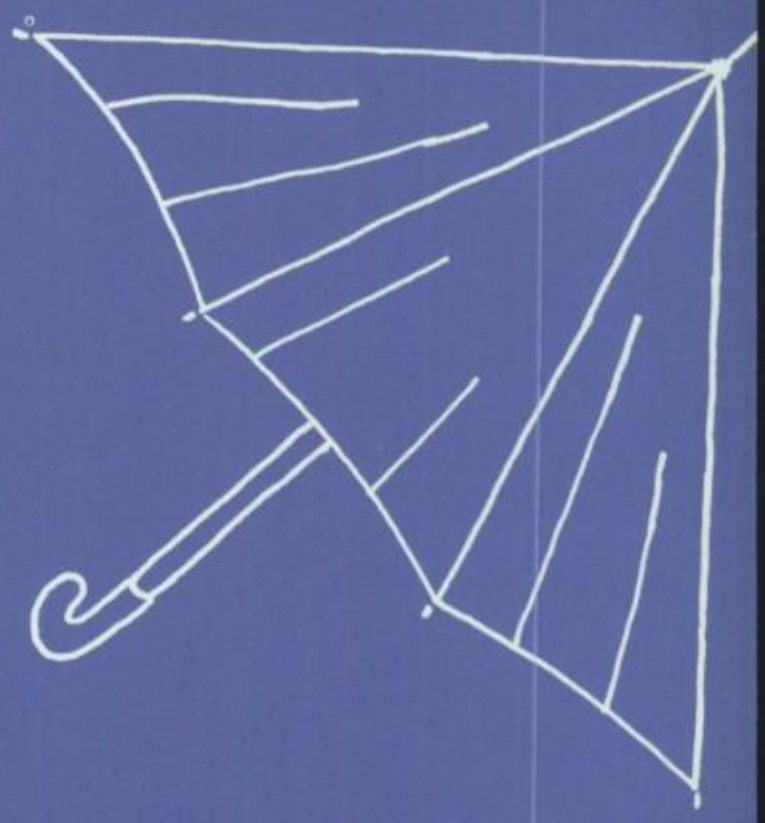
All finished. Mrs. Fay shares some magazines with Tony Huffman after he finishes his minimum competency test. Being a sophomore teacher, she is a monitor of the tests.



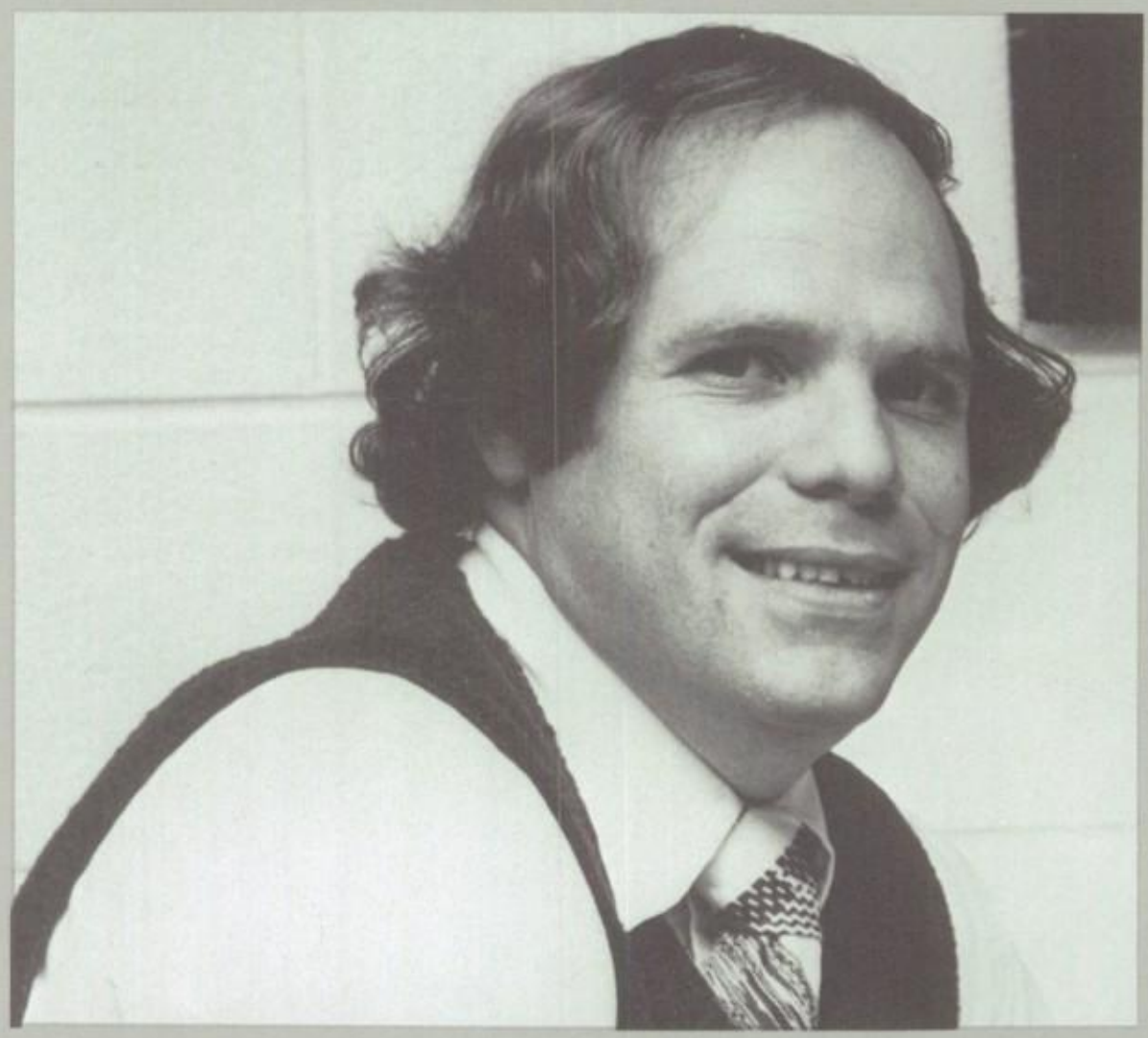


Need counsel? Mrs. Phillips, one of three guidance counselors at BHS, helps Paul Williams with one of the many problems facing juniors. After teaching PE for several years, Mrs. Phillips has filled a temporary vacancy in the guidance office.

Anyone who taught had the satisfaction of watching his pupils absorb the information they would need to become mature, responsible adults, capable of teaching others.



Mr. Moseley Brings The Past To Life

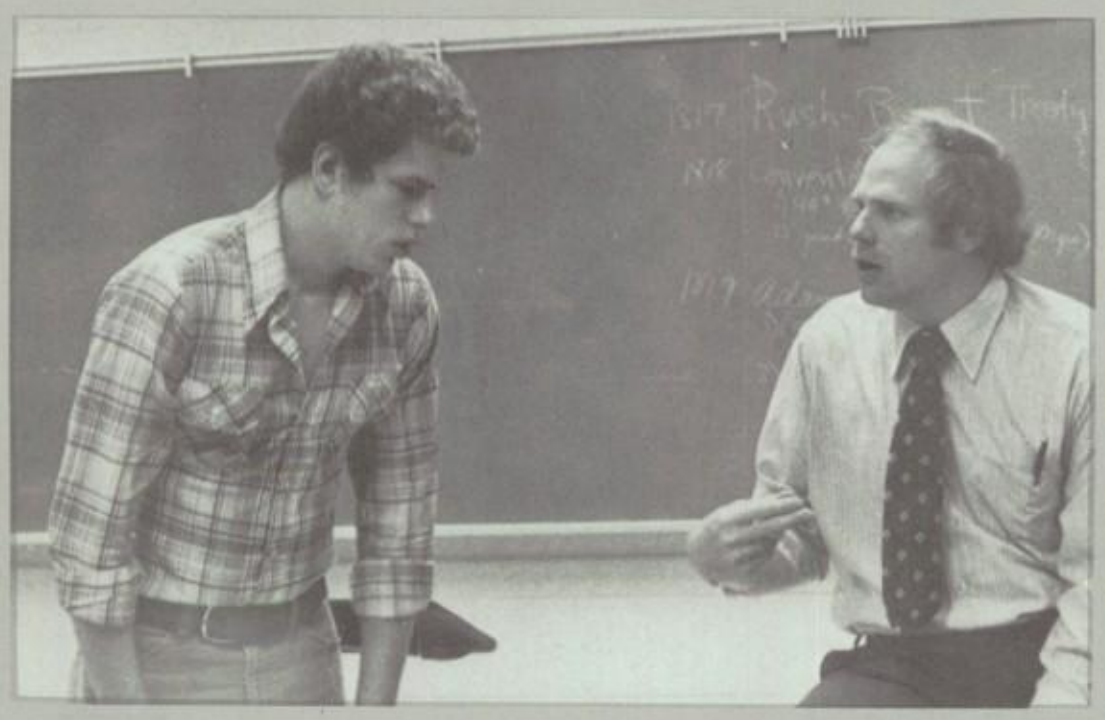


You deserve a break. Mr. Moseley is pleased to take a break between classes. BHS is not a new environment for Mr. Moseley. A graduate of Blacksburg High himself, Mr. Moseley has taught high school since 1973.

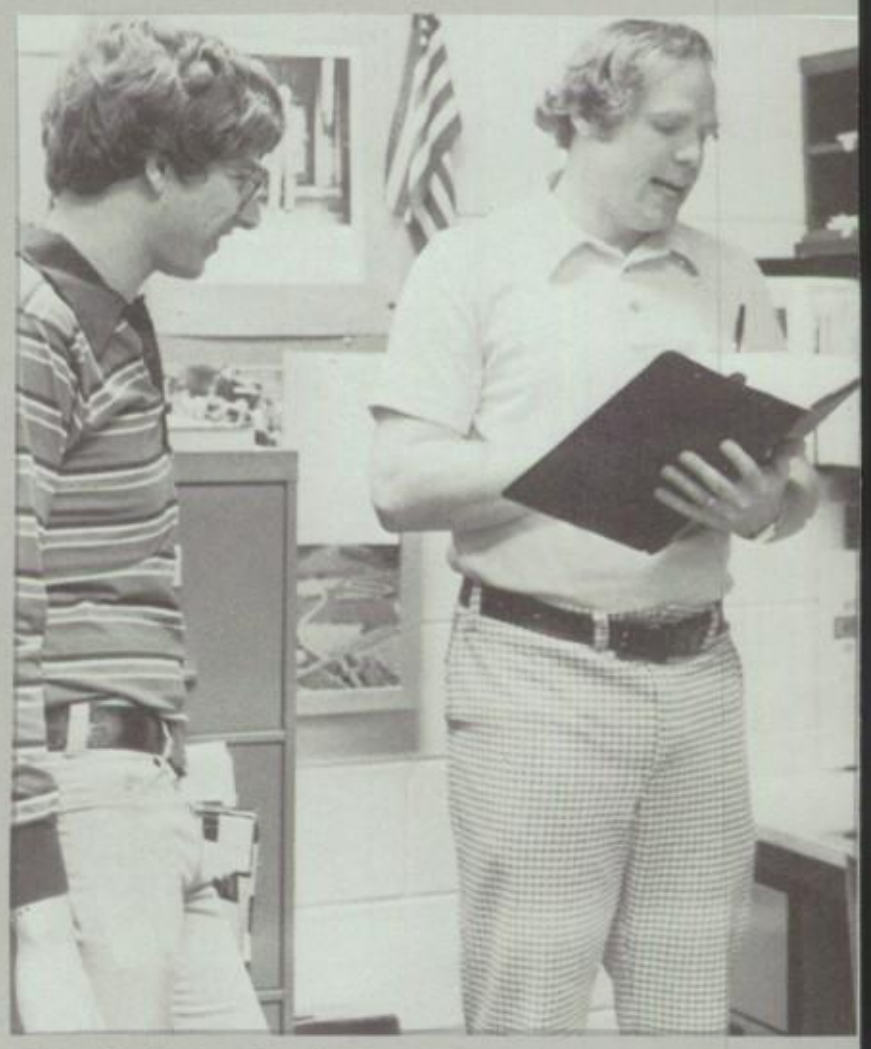
His college professor once told hi that he was born into the wrong century This remark became quite accurate whe one entered into this teacher's class o U.S. and Va. History. He talked abou General Robert E. Lee as if he person ally knew him. It seemed as if thi teacher were a contemporary of some o these past figures. This man managed t bring history out of books and put it int reality with not only what happened, bu also with an explanation of why event happened.

Considering his background, it's no surprising that history formed a grea part of his life. During his college days h played football by day and civil wa games by night. He originally majored i economics but took so many history electives that he eventually was able t double-major. This gentleman's curren activities still have remained related t his love of history. A debate trip t Richmond included a visit to the Virginia Historical Society. As a hobby, he has made miniature historical figures.

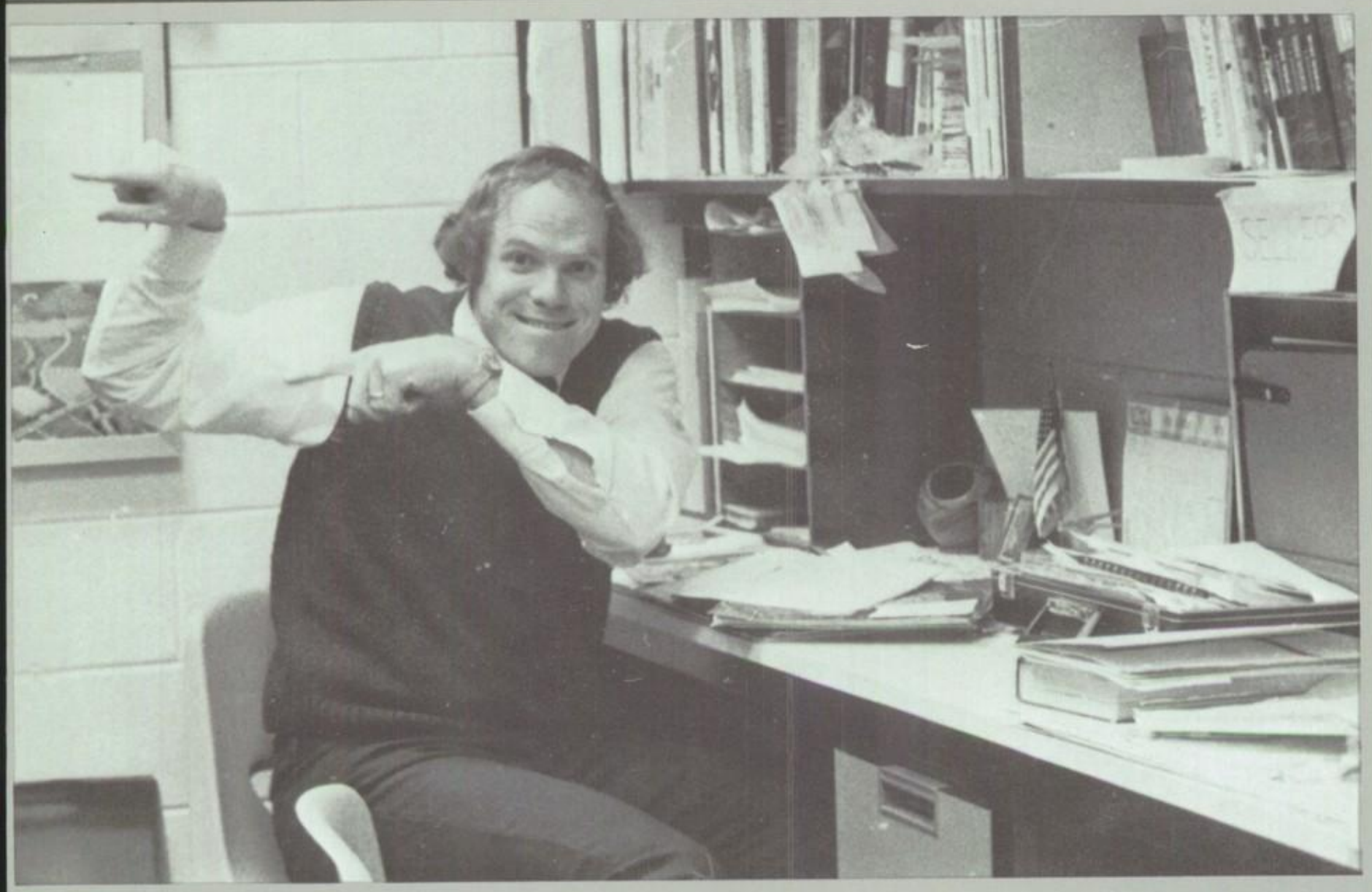
As coach of wrestling and debate this person's extra hours were filled. Yet he still gave his best to his family and classes. Because of this expertise and devotion, the **Pow Wow** staff proudly has recognized Mr. Frank Ruffner Moseley.



One on one. Mr. Moseley explains the Rush-Bagot Treaty to junior Kirk Wortman. Students often participate in discussions of history, learning details not always found in the text.



Debatable. Debate Captain David Uttal discusses an upcoming meet with Mr. Moseley. As coach, Mr. Moseley travels with the team to various invitationals and to the district and regional tournaments.



Passing the buck. Even teachers tend to turn on each other. Mr. Moseley demonstrates this as he slyly tries to divert the attentions of the photographer toward "Doc" Johnson, one of his colleagues in the social studies department.

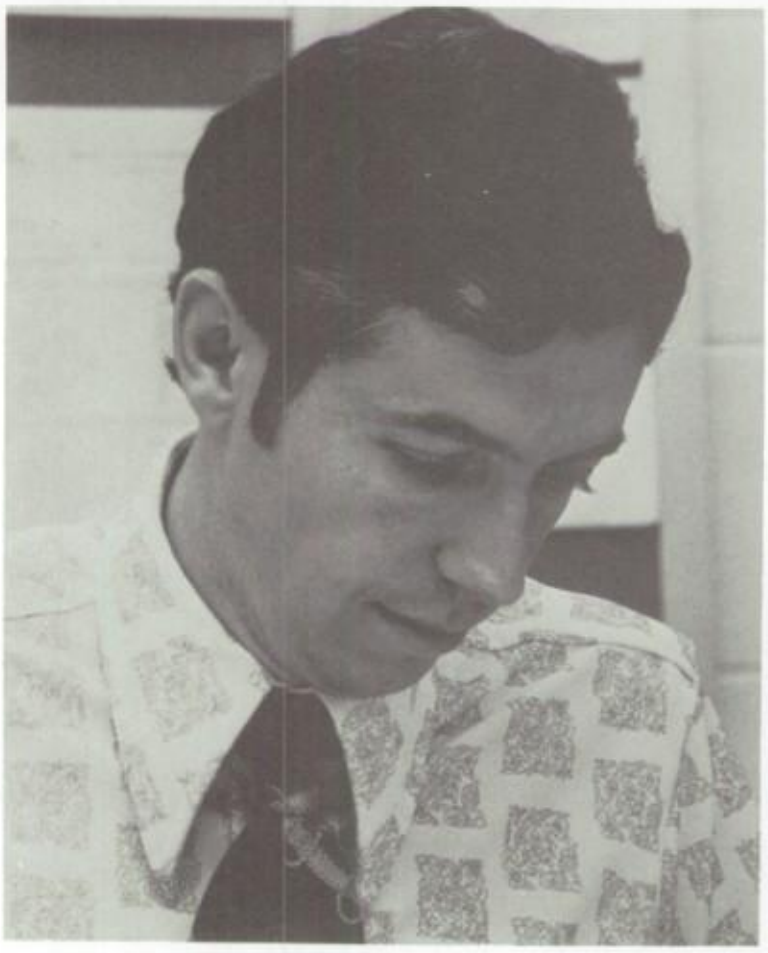
Coach vs. player. Mr. Moseley has a resigned look as he attempts to argue with wrestler Orlando Salinas. Mr. Moseley has coached sports once before when he and Mr. Kelsey coached eighth grade football.

Review. Although he has been teaching history for several years, Mr. Moseley is constantly reviewing and reading new information. Here he scans his notes before his next class.

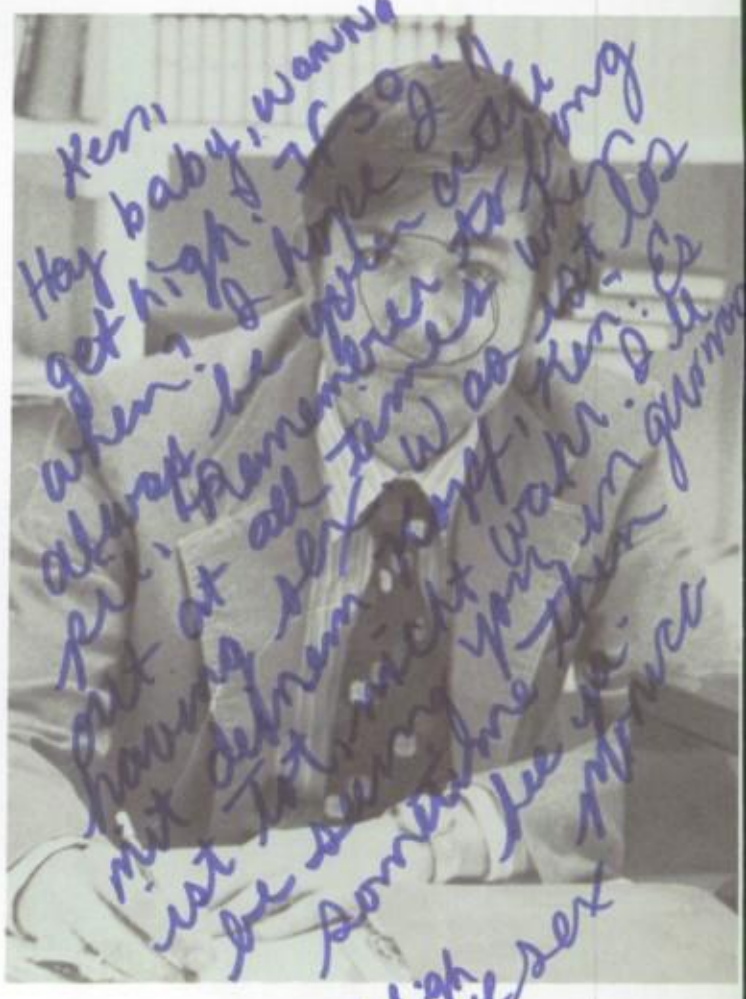
A Unified Administration: A Source Of Strength

You've come a long way. Principal Don Kelsey has returned to Blacksburg High Schoo where he has lived the role of student, teacher, and now administrator.

With a firm look, Mr. James Laughlin glances up from his paperwork. Being Assistant Principal makes him the major student disciplinarian, a time consuming job.



Assistant Principal, Mr. Alfred Smith, has duties other than his vocational responsibilities; some of these include textbook rentals and locker repairs.



Mr. Kelsey Moves Ahead At Blacksburg High

As a high-school student, our principal never expected to administrate. In fact, according to Mr. Kelsey, he would not have believed he would have ever been a teacher. Mr. Kelsey attended BHS when there were only 850 students enrolled. When the current middle school was built, students literally picked up books and walked to their then new high school.

After graduation, Mr. Kelsey spent four years in the Navy. Deciding the Navy was not for him, he returned to Blacksburg to attend VPI & SU where he received a Bachelor's degree and teaching certificate. Next, he taught math for eight years and held various administrative positions at Gilbert Linkous and Blacksburg Middle School. Finally, Mr. Kelsey acquired his present position at BHS.

Suprisingly enough, Mr. Kelsey subsequently became the supervisor of several of his former teachers. This has caused no obstacles and he noted that he even continued to address Mrs. Pace as "ma'am."

Now that the roof has been repaired, Mr. Kelsey has found that he has had more time to devote to a principal's usual duties, which themselves have demanded a great deal of time. Often, his work has begun by 7:45 and has not ended by ten, as he has been responsible for all school activities held at BHS. Each game and most school events required the presence of Mr. Kelsey or an assistant principal.

Regardless of requirements, Mr. Kelsey always has been genuinely interested in the school and its extracurricular activities. Mr. Kelsey stated that he has "always taken pride in Blacksburg High School, both as a student and as an administrator."

A warm greeting. Irma Barden, the main office secretary, welcomes everyone with a smile.

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It all adds up. With clubs reactivated this year, the bookkeeper, Ann Miller, is swamped with books to keep balanced.

Perfect pair. Mr. Kelsey dances with his wife at the school dance. He enjoys attending the school's extracurricular activities.

Vocational secretary, Frances Tate, keeps facts and figures for the vocational wing of BHS.

Scheduling Behind-the-Wheel classes is a responsibility of Ann Mann, guidance secretary.

It Figures. Money from cafeteria sales constitutes a large sum of the money that crosses Mrs. Miller's desk each day. Cafeteria manager Mrs. Mahanes waits to see if her figures check.

BHS Students Become BHS Faculty

Surprisingly enough, a large number of our teachers were once students at Blacksburg High School. In fact, ten out of the seventy-two teachers on staff were former Blacksburg High School students.

Those special few did not know Blacksburg High School as it has become today. Some attended the High School in the building across from the Donaldson Brown Continuing Education Center, now owned by Virginia Tech. Others, beginning with the class of 1953, attended the High School in the present Middle School.

Over the years, the students and faculty have witnessed continuous change. Things such as school spirit, activities, and attitudes towards learning were the major differences the teachers have noticed on their return as faculty to Blacksburg High School.

The thing most of the teachers that attended Blacksburg High School commented on was the lax discipline. They said discipline was a lot stricter when they were students, and they were glad it has let up a bit. They felt students have been given a lot more freedom than they had as students, and they felt most of the student body has used the freedom wisely. Some say the students have become more open and more relaxed. The teachers felt this has been a good contribution and a good atmosphere for learning.

Athletics have always been maintained at a high standard at BHS. The first Blacksburg High School housed no gymnasium. Students were required to use the old armory gym which has also fallen to Tech ownership.

Miss Barbara Osborne, 1974

Mr. Donald Kelsey, 1958

Almost all the teachers that graduated from Blacksburg High School played at least one sport. Not all the sports that presently have been offered at the high school were formerly part of the athletic choices. Mr. Kelsey was co-captain of the football team in 1958 when the team had a record of 3-7. He was also involved in track and wrestling. Mr. Dave Surface, now the athletic director, played on the basketball and baseball teams. Mr. Bob Price played football. History teacher Frank Moseley played on the football and baseball teams, and assistant principal, Alfred Smith, was a member of the baseball team.

The girls' sports program was almost non-existent. There was a girls' basketball team up until 1950 and it was not reinstated until 1972. Miss Teresa Helms, Miss Barbara Osborne, and Miss Patsy Dillon were members of Blacksburg's basketball team. Girls were not on the golf team until 1971 and art teacher Barbara Osborne was a member of that group. Miss Osborne was also a varsity cheerleader. Tennis was not introduced until 1972 for boys and in 1973 for girls. Miss Dillon was an active member on that team, also.

Many of the activities such as clubs, music, student council, and National Honor Society which have become active today were equally active as far back as 1943. Almost all of the teachers that attended Blacksburg High School were active members of some club. Mr. Surface, Miss Helms, Mr. Smith, and Miss Osborne were members of the National Honor Society.

Change may have been a continuous process in many facets of BHS but certain faces have given evidence of little change.

Doris Abraham
Guidance Counselor,
International Club

Christine Almeida
Latin I, II, III, IV, V,
Latin Club

Donna Alvis
English 10,12, Speech &
Drama I, II

Anne Amos
English 12, **The Web**

Bridget Arvold
Geometry, Algebra I,
General Math,
Sophomore Class
Sponsor

Clara Jane Billig
English 9

Mr. Alfred Smith, 1965

Mr. Bob Brown, 1954

Miss Patsy Dillon, 1973

Miss Teresa Helms, 1970

Mr. Bob Price, 1943

Mr. David Surface, 1954

Mr. Warren Eakin, 1951

Mr. Frank Moseley, 1965

Constance Boling
Algebra I, II, Trig. & Advanced Alg., Math Club

Paul Bowyer
Masonry, Building Trades I, II, VICA, Varsity Football Coach

Bill Brown
HPE 9,11,12, Varsity Football

Robert Brown
Horticulture III, IV, V, Ag. Science II, FFA

Helen Burchard
Librarian, Library Club

Pat Burleson
ESCP, Science 9, Freshman Class Sponsor

Teaching Is A Snap For Mr. Harmon

Going to the press. Mr. Harmon starts another printing job on the photo offset press, a sophisticated piece of equipment used for duplicating pictures; magazines use this process to copy their pictures. The photo offset press is also available for use by other groups in the school. Mr. Harmon waits for the final result — Sadie Hawkins Marriage Licenses.

Teaching Communication Technology apparently was the perfect job choice for Mr. Mike Harmon, since it mixed his interest in photography with the challenge of teaching. Although Mr. Harmon encouraged students in photography at an early age, he did not become interested in it until his senior year in high school, at which time he took a class similar to the one he has taught in photography. While this was considered to be a late start, Mr. Harmon has not been handicapped by it.

During his college years Mr. Harmon supported himself with a job from the National Geographic Society, in Washington, D.C. As a staff member he prepared negatives of maps and pictures for the photo offset press.

However, since Mr. Harmon enjoyed teaching more than his former work, he accepted his present position at BHS this year. In Communications Technology, Mr. Harmon worked with all aspects of photography. He took students all the way from clicking the shutter to the completion of the finished picture.

Communications Technology students also worked with silkscreening and using the photo offset press. Although Communications Technology was a new course offering it had a large enrollment. Mr. Harmon was pleased with the success of his classes because they were the combination of teaching and working with photography.

Joan Campbell
French I, II, IV,
French Club

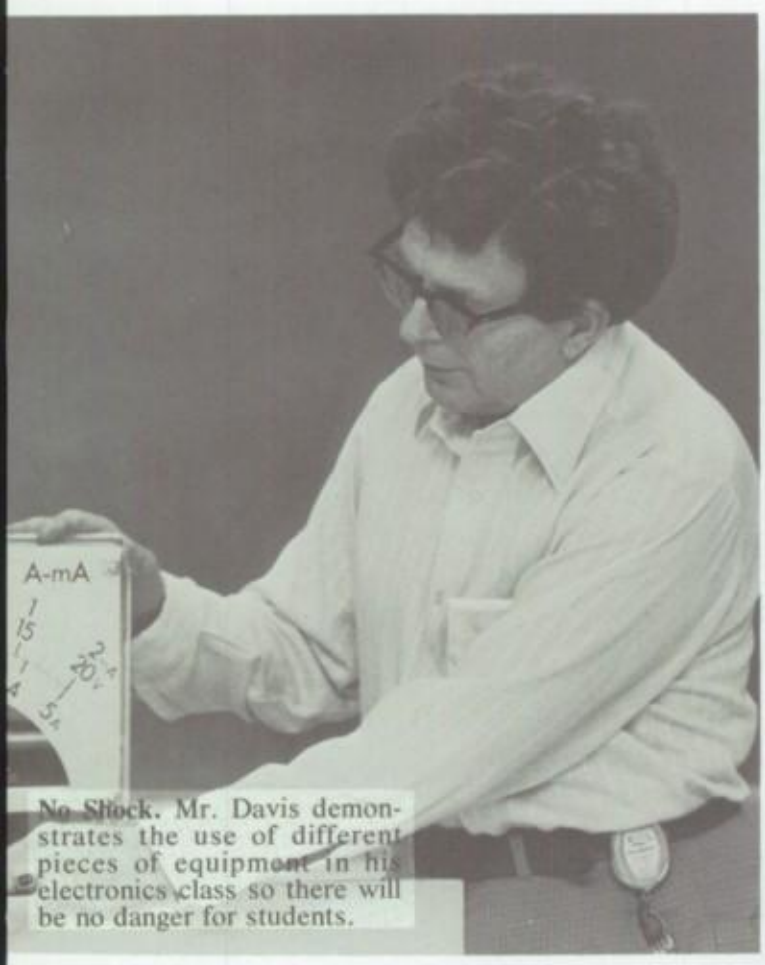
Jane Carr
English 11, Business
English

Anne Clayton
French I, III, Enlish 12
PR Representative

Teresa Coulthard
Algebra I, II, Consumer
Math, Sophomore Class
Sponsor

David Crist
Algebra I, II, General
Math, Boys' Monogram,
Varsity Football Coach

Dody Cupp
Cosmetology II, III



No Shock. Mr. Davis demonstrates the use of different pieces of equipment in his electronics class so there will be no danger for students.

Helping Hands. Mr. Traylor takes a minute from the Ag. Shop to assist in Auto Mechanics.

Taking turns. Sandra Lovern watches Mrs. Webb grade a student on hair styling. Sandra learns all that is to be done before it's her turn.

Convertible. Mr. Spencer inspects an unfinished car that is used by Auto Mechanics students to learn how to repair cars.

All in One. Mr. Goad, Carpentry teacher, observes his students' progress. This year carpentry, masonry, plumbing, and electricity classes have been combined to form a new course, building trades.

Claude Davis
Electronics I, II, VICA

David Davis
HPE 10, Varsity Football Coach, Track Coach

Deborah Deal
Behind-the-Wheel Driver Education

Bill Dickson
English 9,10,12, Boys' Monogram, Baseball, JV Basketball

Patsy Dillon
HPE 9,11,12, Girls' Tennis Coach, Pep Club

Warren Eakin
DE I, II, III, DECA

Foreign Language Department Goes Continental With New Latin Teacher

Teaching in an American high school for the first time could be a somewhat frightening experience, especially if one had never taught high school before. This was the situation for Mrs. Christine Almeida when she arrived to teach Latin last November.

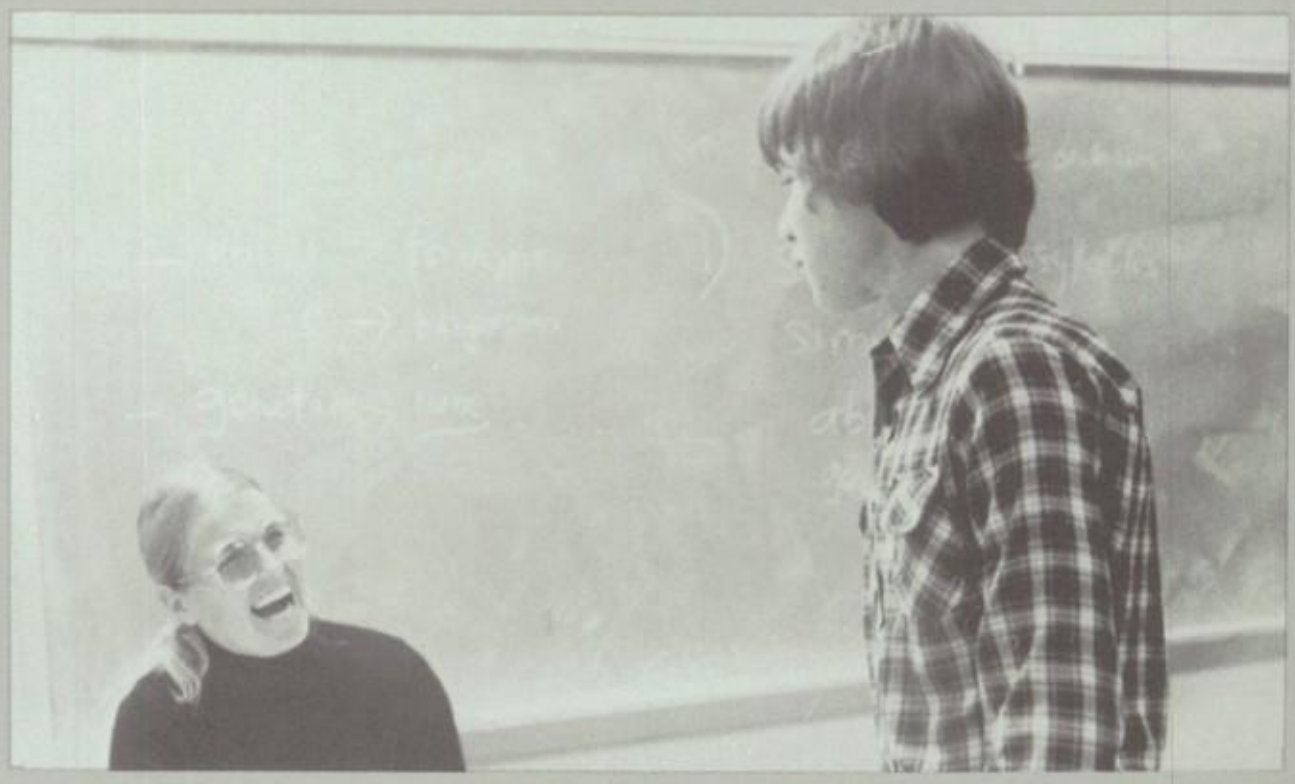
Mrs. Almeida, a native of France, lived in Paris for ten years. She then moved to Brazil with her family where she spent another ten years. With a love for travel, visits were made to such places as England, Italy, Israel, Portugal, and the United States.

Once in the U.S., Mrs. Almeida attended Hollins College in Roanoke where she majored in Political Science. She continued her education at the University of Paris where she attained a master's degree in French Literature.

Mrs. Almeida's experience in education and working with youth has included teaching summer school in Vermont and last summer's work with the Outward Bound Program at Virginia Tech.

Fluent in five languages, including French, Spanish, Portuguese, English, and Latin, Mrs. Almeida was hired to teach Latin I-V. She has worked to instill in her Latin students a greater appreciation of the Latin language and Ancient Roman Culture.

Outside interests for Mrs. Almeida have been particularly reading and tennis. She was active on the tennis team for her entire four-year stay at Hollins College.



That's a new one! Mrs. Almeida laughs with one of her Latin II students as he tells her what happened to his homework. The many excuses she receives from all her classes are an interesting result of teaching in an American high school for the first time.

Bringing Latin to life. Mrs. Almeida speaks Latin fluently for her class so that students can hear and appreciate the language.

Another excellent test paper. Mrs. Almeida is pleased to come across perfect papers as they make the grading go faster.

Mary Fain
Child Care I, II, Home Ec. II, FHA

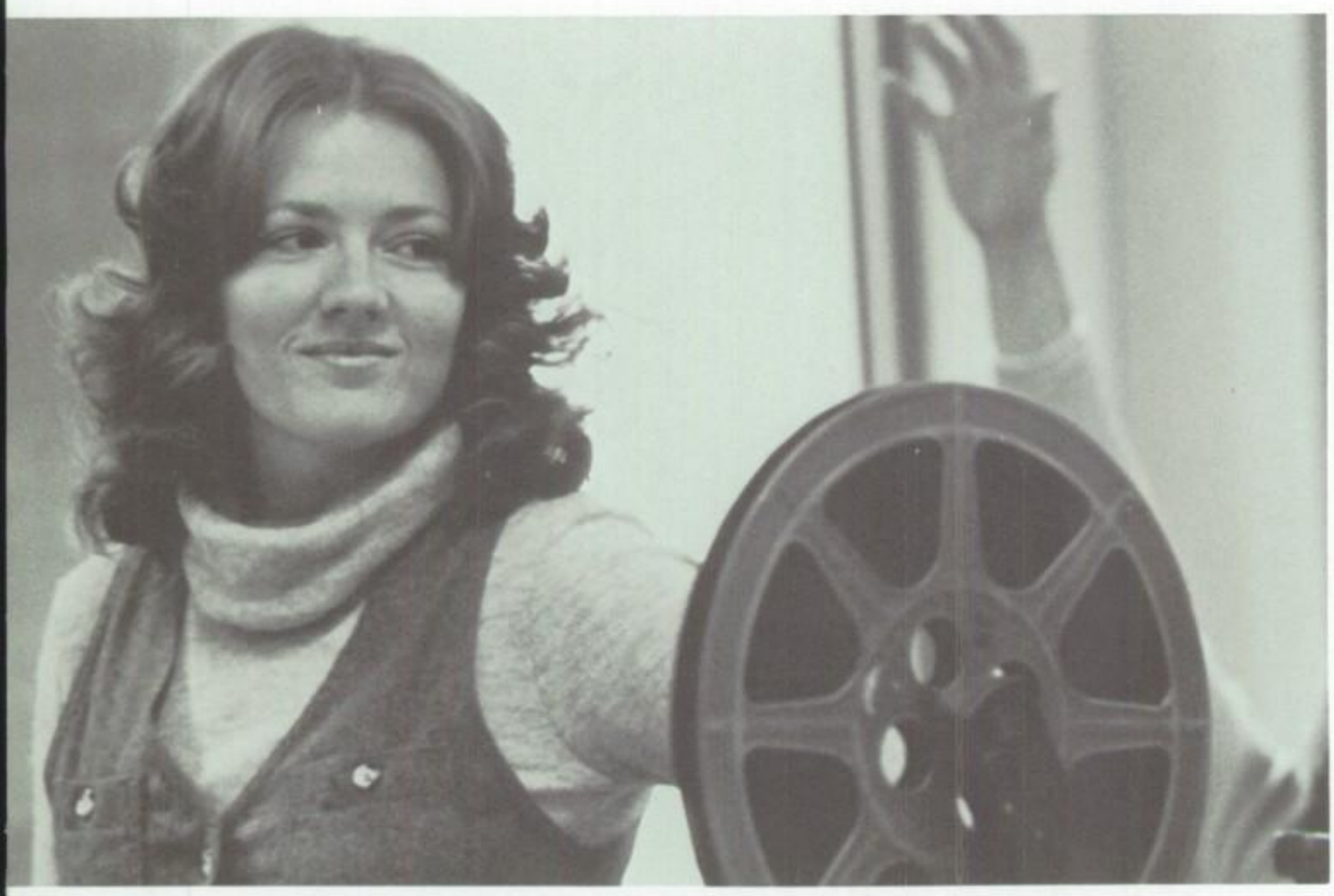
Thomasa Fay
Biology, Advanced Biology, Science Club

Marianna Fillmore
Spanish I, II, III, Pan Am Club, Forensics Sponsor

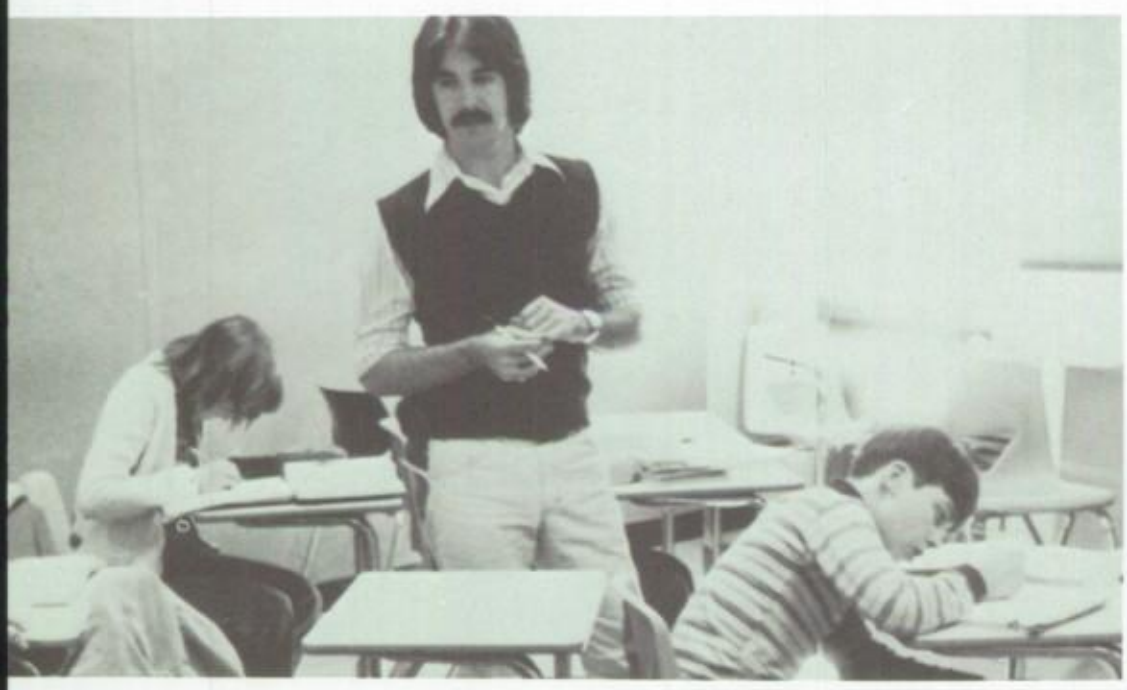
James Goad
Carpentry, Building Trades I, II, III, VICA, Jr. Class Sponsor

Julie Grady
Chemistry, Consumer Chemistry, General Math, Jr. Class Sponsor

Mary Lou Hardie
Clerk Typist I, Steno II, FBLA



Lights out, please. First-year English teacher Mrs. Wilson waits for one of her students to turn the lights out so she can begin a film. Movies are an important asset to English classes as films provide extra information about literature studied in class. Mrs. Wilson returns to BHS as a first year teacher of English after having student taught social studies and English last spring under the direction of Miss Pauley and Mr. Moseley.



Classroom technique. Mr. Van Dyke interacts with his students after making an assignment. His classroom method, which includes mingling, talking, and teaching, creates a relaxed atmosphere.

Preguntas? Fielding questions on an individual basis, Mrs. Fillmore helps Erik McNair to understand his Spanish homework. Spanish is a popular course for many students.

Mike Harmon
Communications
Technology, Drafting I

Teresa Helms
Algebra I, Trig. & Prob.,
General Math, Soph.
Class Sponsor

Roxanne Hincker
Home Ec. III, IV, Family
Living

Becky Jensen
EMR

Craig Johnson
US & VA History,
Sociology, Athletic
Trainer

Beatrice King
Nursing, EMT

A Typical Day in the Life of a Teacher

A Typical Day in the Typical Life of a Typical Teacher in a Typical School

Choose the most appropriate response in light of your experience.

The alarm goes off at **(a)** 6:00 A.M. **(b)** no time at all — forgot to set it **(c)** the precise moment Robert Redford/Raquel Welch is about to propose **(d)** 3:30 P.M. . . . oops! With a sleepy yawn, I reach out and **(a)** call Mr. Kelsey for a substitute **(b)** sign my resignation **(c)** hit the cat. After a nourishing breakfast of **(a)** coke and fritoes **(b)** a cigarette and a blindfold **(c)** last night's pizza, I gather up **(a)** my Hefty Bag of ungraded papers **(b)** several instruments of torture: grade book, plan book, textbook **(c)** slide rule, grading scale, calculator, and whip **(d)** lesson plans for a month — three Steve Martin records, and then I head out toward THE SCHOOL.

Upon entering the parking lot, I discover **(a)** locusts have consumed the roof of the building **(b)** fresh tar has been liberally applied throughout the lot **(c)** it is Saturday. Mr. Kelsey and my departmental cohorts silently laugh as I go by. I have forgotten **(a)** a vital article of clothing **(b)** my can of Mace **(c)** to turn off my car lights. They all agree I should have **(a)** lunch and bus duty by myself for the rest of the year **(b)** none of their support in court **(c)** to write early dismissals for all students wishing to attend any track meet, basketball game, wrestling match, football game, turkey shoot, or orthodontist appointment for the rest of the year.

During the first period test I am giving **(a)** the intercom freaks out on permanent interrupt **(b)** a bomb threat allows for a breath of fresh air **(c)** my supervisor drops by to wonder why all my test questions are simply cognitive recall. During second period, the students want to **(a)** have a birthday party for the custodian **(b)** go to Tokyo on a field trip **(c)** tell obscene stories **(d)** decorate the room for St. Sebastian's Day. Third period is cancelled due to **(a)** lack of interest **(b)** an assembly on apathy **(c)** an infestation of vampire bats. Lunch, which closes out the morning for me, is special because, like many of the students, I eat **(a)** first lunch **(b)** split lunch **(c)** second lunch **(d)** all of these.

It is difficult to engage the undivided attention of fifth period because **(a)** the room temperature is 110° **(b)** the class has already departed — mentally **(c)** none of the students care where in the United States two trains will meet if one departs San Francisco at 2:00 P.M., at eighty miles per hour, and the other departs Norfolk at 8:00 A.M., and loses its caboose in Kentucky.

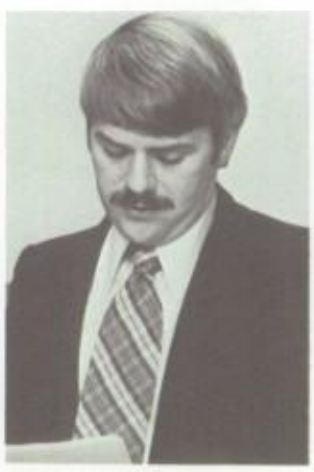
Sixth period planning time is absolutely essential to my efficient performance in the classroom. The first thing I do is **(a)** call home / boyfriend / girlfriend **(b)** have my prescriptions renewed, especially the one for nerves **(c)** count the remaining teaching days **(d)** take a survey of colleagues, students in the halls without hall passes, and custodians, about the chance of snow tomorrow.

Late Arrivals. As Mrs. Burleson works in the office, she signs in freshman Allen Campbell — tardy!

Shirley Maybury
English 11, Junior Class Sponsor

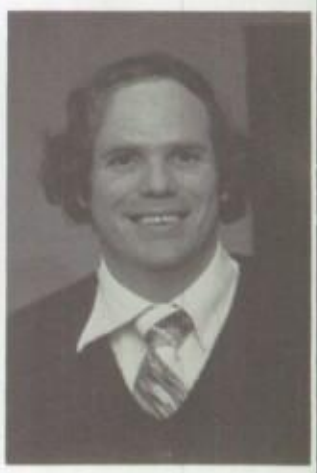
David Mills
Sym., Jazz, Concert, & Marching Bands, Music Theory, Guitar

Robin Mills
Mixed Chorus, Guitar, Concert Choir, Madrigals, Music Club



"Butch" Morris
ESCP, Biology

Robert Morton
PE 11, 12, Adaptive PE, Key Club



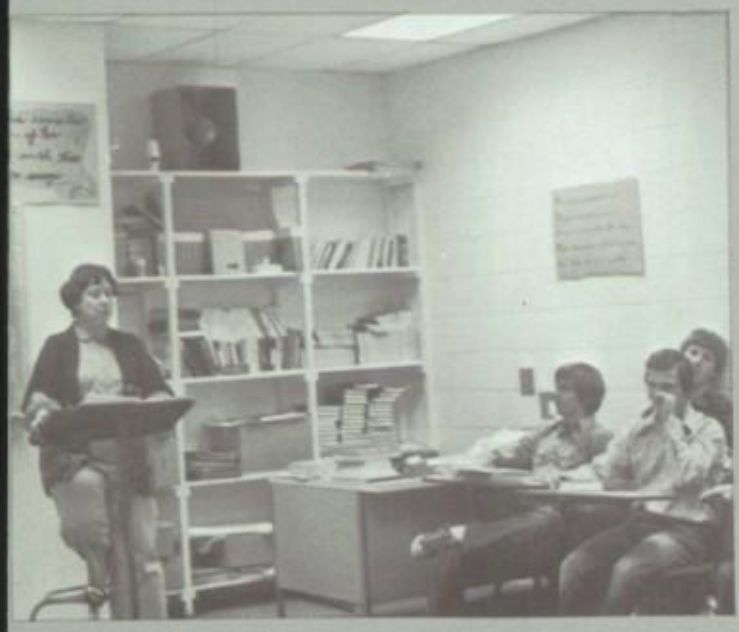
Frank Moseley
US & VA History, Debate Coach, Wrestling Coach

Quiz in the making. Mrs. Sumner scans the morning newspaper for suitable material to include on a current events quiz for her senior government classes.

Packing her bags. Mrs. Campbell, laden with work, heads back to the foreign language office.

Leaving with style. It's finally home to Floyd County for Mrs. Fay. Driving a Porsche is actually economical, as well as being fun.

Seventh period blues. Long faces on seniors indicate the coming of the end of school. To counteract this attack of "senioritis," Mrs. Amos delivers a stirring and informative lecture about Chaucer's **Canterbury Tales.**



In seventh period, conscientious students ask **(a)** Why do we have to study this junk? **(b)** Just how will this help me get a high paying job? **(c)** Why are all the teachers piling all this work on right at the end of the six weeks? **(d)** Test? What test?

The choice of events after school is exciting. I see a faculty meeting, a committee meeting, a parent conference, and a confrontation with a crazed student to choose from, in addition to bus duty and detention hall supervision. Finding the choice difficult, I quickly decide to **(a)** hide in the rest room **(b)** sneak out the back door **(c)** resign **(d)** go to the faculty meeting and engage in my favorite fantasy which is **(a)** I am a pilot and I am dropping all my ungraded papers over Blacksburg **(b)** The superintendent is teaching all my classes for a week **(c)** Students are begging for longer assignments **(d)** I am teaching class in a gorilla suit **(e)** all my ungraded papers have been stolen by an amnesiac.

As you may have noticed, I am not fond of grading papers in the evening. Indeed, I would rather **(a)** trim the drill field with manicure scissors **(b)** appear nude on The Gong Show **(c)** diaper an ill elephant. But in spite of this, I do find teaching rewarding and would rather teach than **(a)** house break that elephant **(b)** be a duck plucker **(c)** collect belly button fuzz from gnats' navels.

— The Unknown Teacher

Barbara Osborne
Art I, IV, V, Painting & Drawing, Pep Club

Ruby Pace
Geometry, Algebra II, Advanced Math, National Honor Society

Marolyn Parson
Biology, Science Club

Charlotte Pauley
English 10, 12, Asst. **Pow Wow** Sponsor

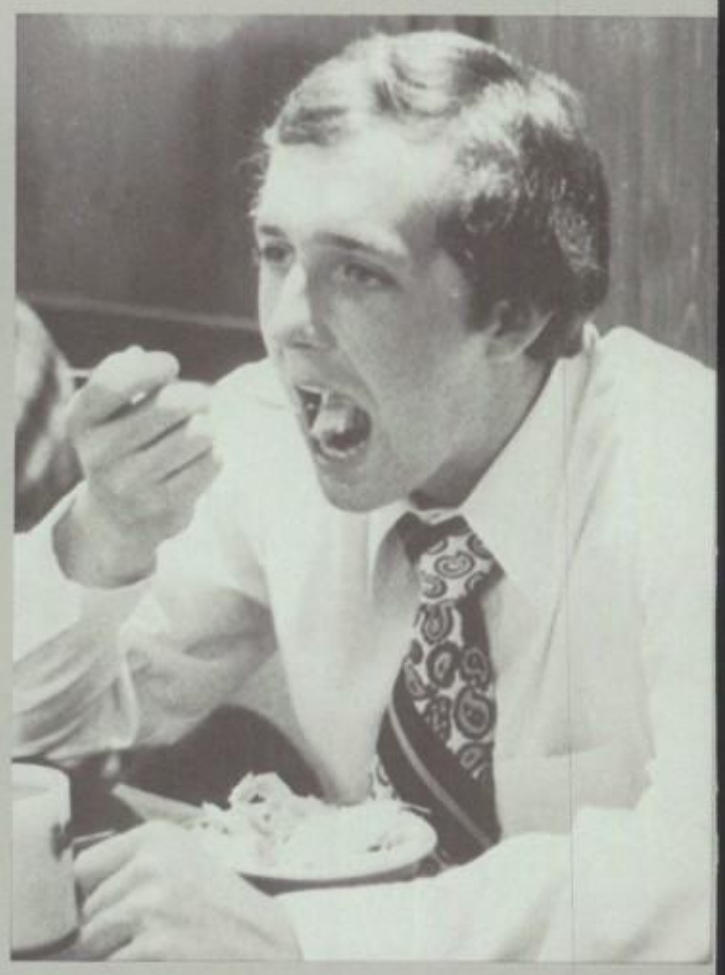
Annette Perkins
US & VA Government, Senior Class Sponsor

Tom Peters
Advanced Alg. & Trig., Occupational Math, Geometry

Lunch – Different for Each Teacher

Juggling. Miss Osborne, the new art teacher, balances her tray, eats her lunch, and guards the hall during split lunch.

Duty calls. Being alert during lunch duty, for Mr. Trear, means eating a quick sandwich and never taking his eyes off the Commons.



Still listening to what colleagues are saying in the lunchroom is Mr. Mills, who tries to eat and catch up on the latest school news.

Putting heads together during lunch are guidance coordinator Mrs. Abraham and English teacher Mr. Van Dyke. Their discussion should make for a better understanding of students' situations.

Duties of Athletic Director Mr. Surface cause him to combine lunch period with the selling of tickets for the regional football game against Gate City.

Linda Phillips
Guidance Counselor
Girls' Monogram

Robert Price
ICT I, II, Geography,
VICA

David Rinker
Data Processing I, II,
Cross Country Coach,
FBLA

Jane Rivers
US & VA History, World
History, Junior Class
Sponsor

Mary Sammons
Librarian
Library Club

Rubye Scott
Steno I, Business &
Personal Typing, FBLA

All alone on lunch duty, Mrs. Grady keeps herself occupied with her needlepoint. Because teachers have lunch duty assignments a week at a time, Mrs. Grady is able to make plenty of progress on her needlework.

Someday in a far future time teachers may be able to teach only— never to be bothered by — DUTY.

Bus duty was tolerable — Lunch duty was — in a word — **Not.**

Dieting was very easy during a week on lunch duty. The cafeteria food was not unattractive so it must have been the atmosphere.

Soft music, candlelight, and interesting conversations were definitely not present in the Commons. The music that was there was barely audible, the conversations were too loud, and goodness knows candles would have been totally catastrophic.

Lunch duty included such tasks as trying to remain polite while asking the same group of students to return its trays, for the third time, and then remaining polite as the lunch duty teacher carried those same trays left by the wild hordes. Though the more clever students slipped by, it certainly wasn't because lunch duty teachers didn't guard the Commons.

Most teachers were positioned at every exit; the remaining few circled like vultures over the tables of suspicious-looking types. They stood ready to snatch their prey if the bell should ring and any student should try to take more than two steps in any direction away from his tray.

Keeping posted. Mr. Mills, director of the BHS band, has spent part of his lunch period waiting for the delivery of the day's mail, so that he can check a local newspaper that has given special coverage to the band.

Co-ed physical education classes are new at BHS. P.E. teachers Mrs. Surface and Coach Davis share, with other faculty members, funny predicaments co-ed classes have posed for them when team teaching.

Nancy Seagle
Art II, III, Crafts & Sculpture, Art Club

Jim Sellers
World Geography
Pow Wow Sponsor

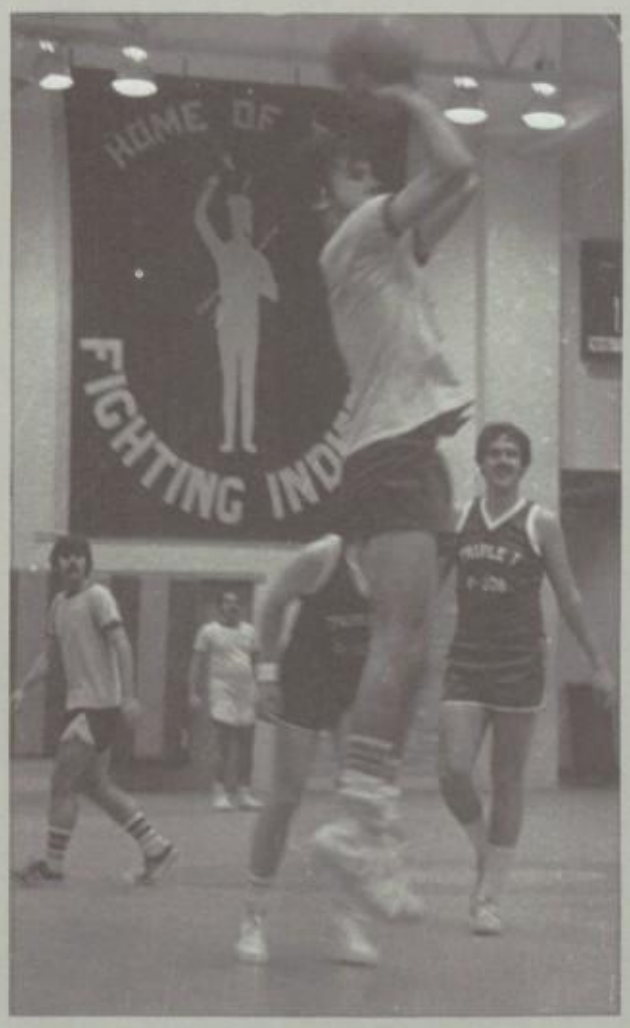
Luther Shipman
Guidance Counselor, Stage Crew

Joy Speck
Learning Disabilities

Earl Spencer
Auto Mechanics I, II, VICA

Cynthia Stephens
Spanish I, IV, Pan Am Club

Ready, aim. Coach Davis shoots a basket during the JJJ-V-105 BHS Faculty Basketball game. Mr. Rinker and a disc jockey watch.



Movers. At a suggestion from the students, Student Council members, Bruce Harrison, Billy Acuff, Kristen Saacke, and Carl Schwertz help Mr. Syer move the bike rack. By moving the bike rack to the side of the building near the stage entrance they hope to end bike damage that has been occurring.

Money. Mrs. Surface counts the money she has collected at a hop after a football game. As cheerleader sponsor she must attend all games and cheerleading functions.

Un burro. Amy Schmidt, Kelly Steffen, and Mrs. Stephens add the finishing touches to the donkey pinata. At the Pan Am Christmas Party the papermache animal is filled with candy and hit with a baseball bat by someone who is blindfolded. Other members scramble for the falling candy.

Tommy Studebaker
Plumbing and Electricity, Building Trades I, III

Sandra Sumner
U.S. and VA Government, Senior Class Sponsor

Ann Surface
HPE 10, Cheerleader Sponsor

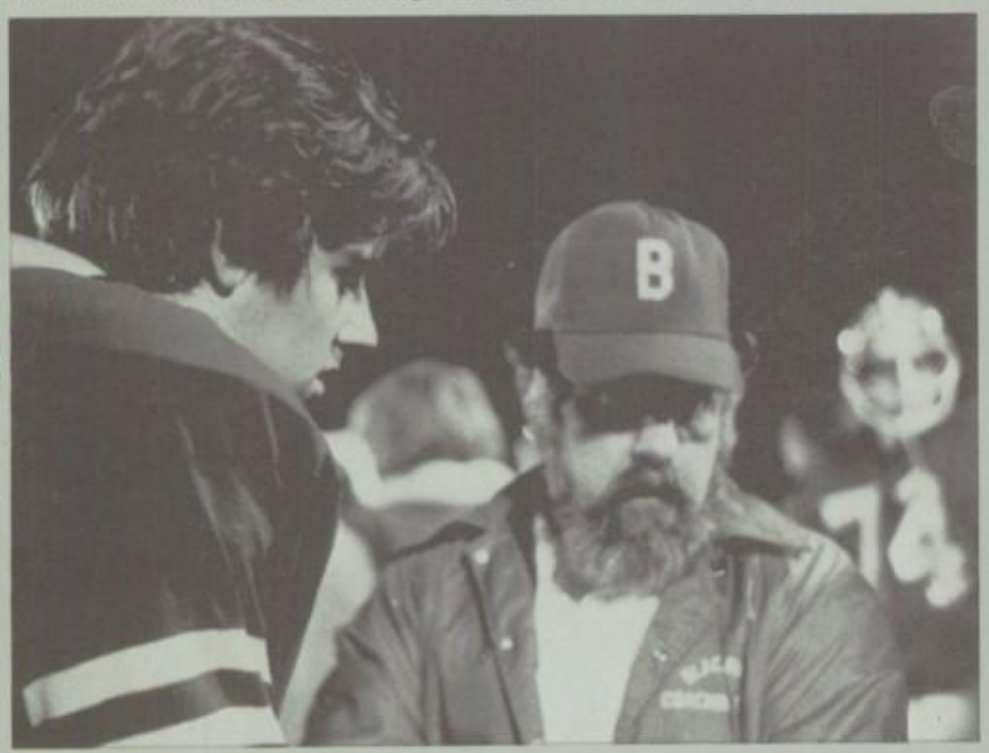
David Surface
Forestry III, IV, Ag. Science I

Lee Syer
Chemistry, Science 9, Student Council Sponsor

Clarence Traylor
Agriculture Mechanics

Teaching – More Than a Job

President sets example. President of FHA, Diane Eaves, shows Mrs. Wilkerson the method for cutting an elf pattern. As a community service the club members make Christmas cards for Heritage Hall patients at the club party.



Consultation. Coach Bowyer gives John Paterson advice on centering the ball during a football game. The offensive line coach's instructions help Paterson make the First String Regional Team.

The teacher's main job was, as always, that of teaching. However, a large number of teachers undertook more responsibility in their already busy lives. These teachers willingly dedicated more time to work with students in the areas of their talent or special interests.

Involvement in extra activities for most teachers, was as club sponsors. Approximately forty teachers supervised twenty clubs. Often teachers sponsored clubs related to the subject area the teachers taught. One exception was Miss Osborne, the art teacher, who sponsored the Pep Club. Nonetheless, her expertise aided the Pep Club with its float that won third place in the Christmas Parade.

Some teachers assumed sole responsibility in sponsoring organizations. Mr. Syer supervised activities of Student Council. Though formally scheduled for fourth period, the Council demanded more of Mr. Syer's time outside of school.

Another group meeting during fourth period was the school newspaper. **Tattle Tale** sponsor, Mr. Van Dyke, deemed the period invaluable when publishing the newspaper. The period saved the staff members from working after school on deadlines.

Class sponsors worked with a much larger group of students. Besides attending all class functions sponsors kept tabs on class finances.

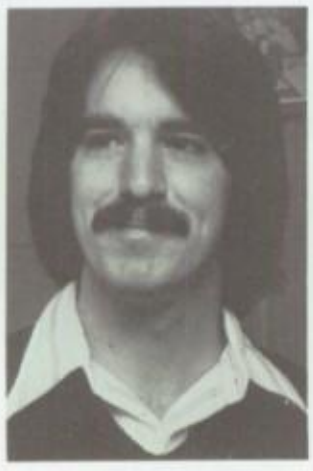
Also working with large groups were the team coaches. Daily practices and the games themselves took up numerous hours. Like all activity sponsors, coaches proved to be dedicated to helping students develop in their areas of specialty.

Beth Wilson
English 9,10,11

Sally Wilkerson
Food Service I, II, Family Living, Home Ec I, FHA

Frank West
Drafting I, II, III, House Planning & Design, VICA

Bob Trear
Ind. Arts I, Comm. Tech, World of Constr., Varsity Basketball, JV Football



Ray Van Dyke
English 9,10, Journalism, **Tattle Tale** Sponsor

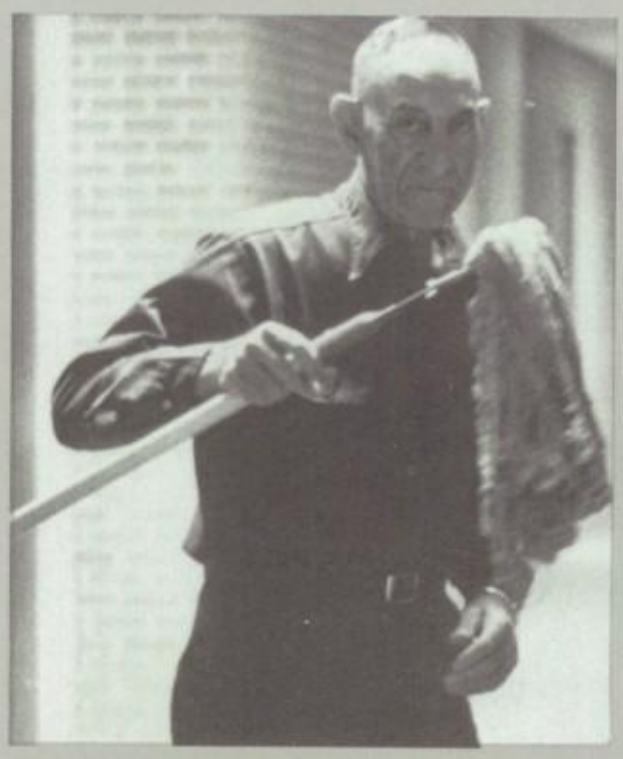
Lillian Van Lear
World Geography

June Wang
Personal and Business Typing, General Bus., Bookkeeping, FBLA

Monna Webb
Cosmetology I, II, III, VICA

Eric Weissman
Physics, Science 9

Living Life to Its Fullest



Keeping Them Clean. Mr. Sheppard wrings out his mop as he prepares to clean up.

Mr. Jesse Sheppard, involved in many varied activities throughout his long life, has remained willing to accept change. Other janitors have respected him and always been ready to listen to his humorous anecdotes.

In his younger days Mr. Sheppard mined coal and even hauled coal by truck. However, working for a number of years on the VPI campus, his main occupation has been that of a carpenter.

As part of his duties he often had to prepare bleachers for Tech football games. He found this discouraging since as he recalled, "Tech usually lost." For the past three years Mr. Sheppard has worked as custodian at BHS. Although he has been retired he has still enjoyed working for social contact, as well as the pay.

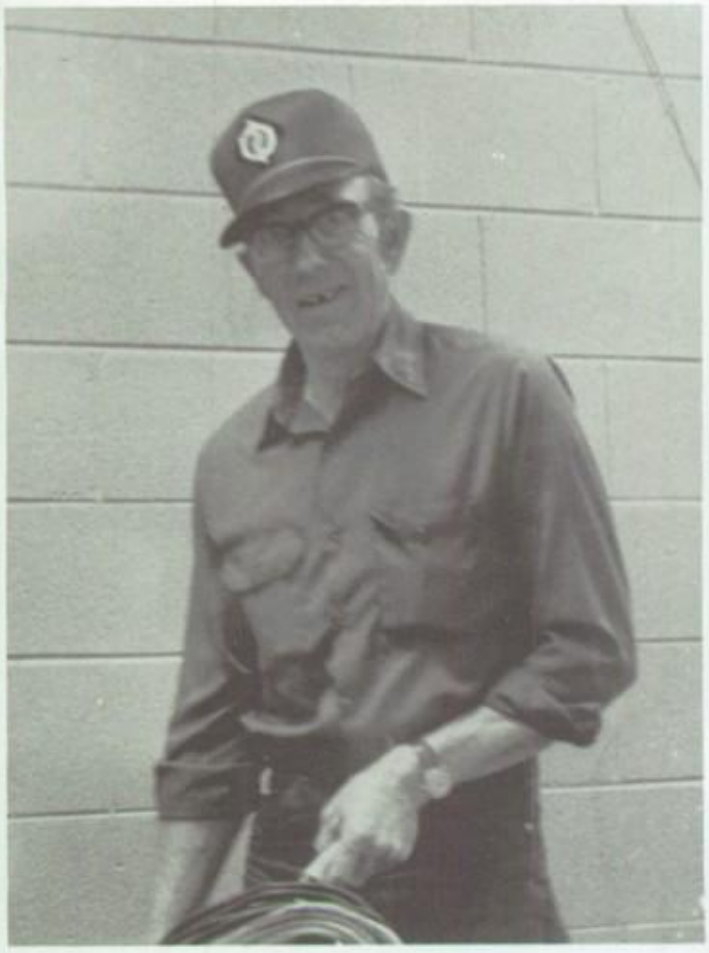
One of Mr. Sheppard's prime interests has been sports. Although he does not actually play he has been an avid spectator. His favorite sport has been Mid-Atlantic Wrestling. Although he felt it was fixed, he liked to watch, especially when Black Jack Mulligan was wrestling.

Car racing was another event that intrigued Mr. Sheppard. He often attended the races in Charlotte, North Carolina with his son. On the high school level Mr. Sheppard cheered for the Girls' Basketball Team. He thought the girls played an excellent game even though they did not draw a large crowd.

The years have failed to age Mr. Sheppard. Continued involvement and interest in life's varied activities have kept him a young man at heart.

Lunch duty. Doug Price scrapes and later cleans the lunch trays after the students have thrown away their trash and thrown the silverware in a separate bin.

Money Changer. Holly Mahanes, the cafeteria manager, acts as cashier during lunch. Accuracy is important in the figuring of prices and handling of change.



Clean up detail. Jim Sheppard flashes a smile as he heads into the social studies wing. After school, the custodians begin to ready the school for another day.

Refuge. The janitors' workroom, located in a hidden corner of the school, provides a quiet refuge for Eugene Turpin before leaving for his afternoon bus run.

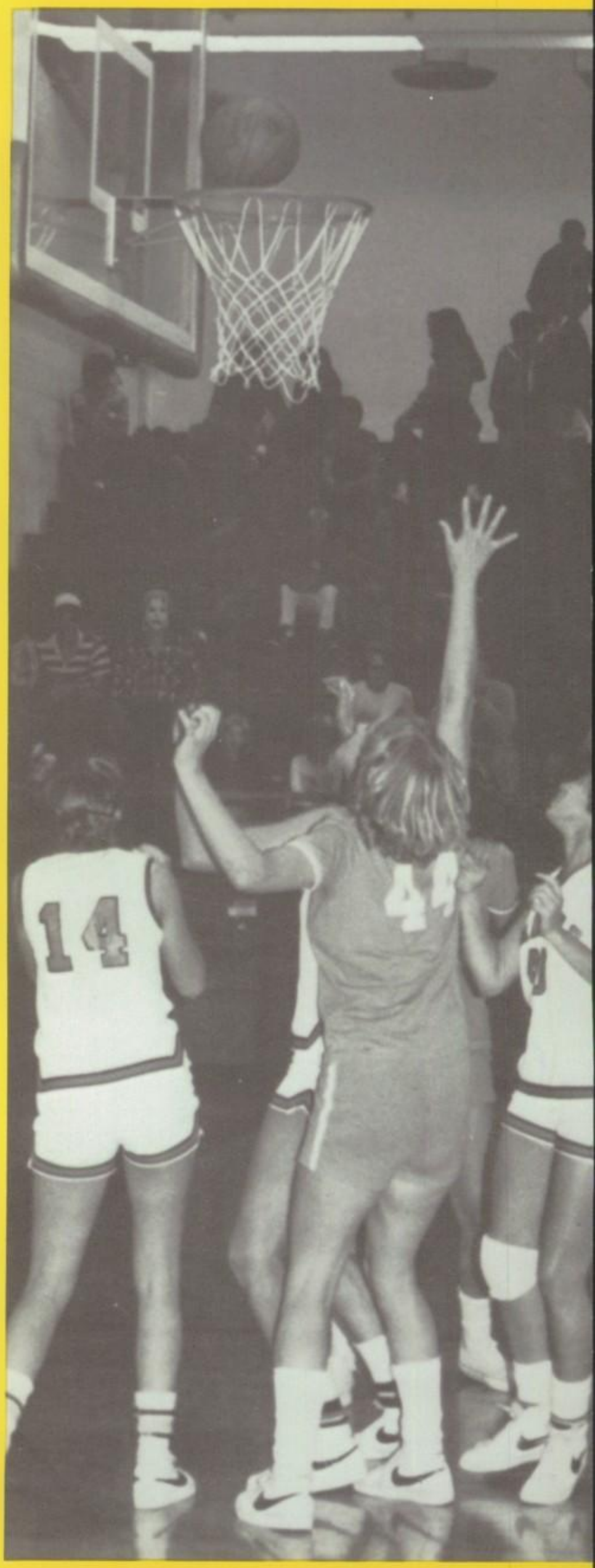
Cafeteria. Front: Lois Dickerson, Delcie Alls, Shirlene Long, Sandra Morris, Janie Gray. **Back:** Victoria Magnard, Kelly Allison, Cornelia Sifford, Holly Mahanes.

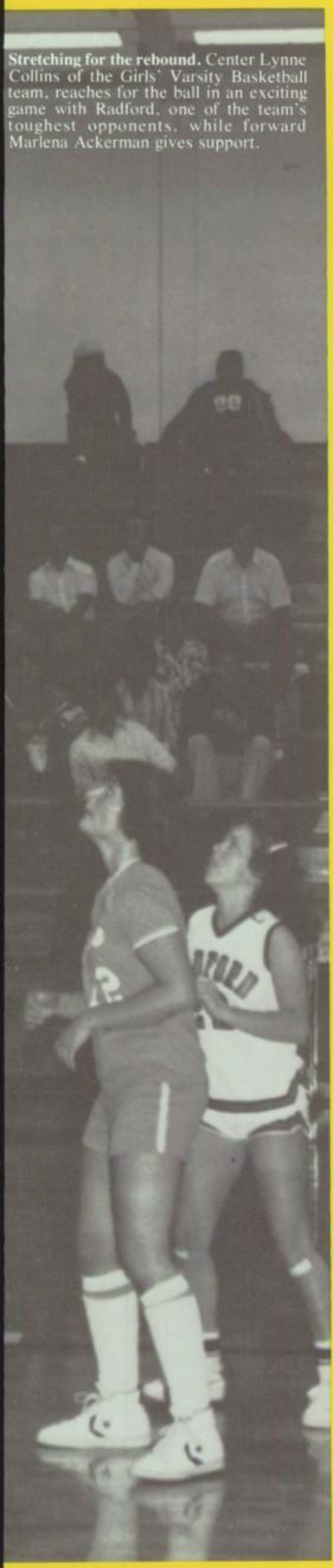
After lunch, work begins for Howard Dowdy, as he empties overflowing trash barrels.

Women's lib? Rosemary Ratcliff, the only female custodian, vacuums classrooms and offices at BHS.

Janitors. Rosemary Ratcliff, Jesse Smith, Ignatius Onyedon, Johnny Smith, Wilson Cromer, Howard Dowdy, Doug Price, Jim Sheppard, David Cromer.

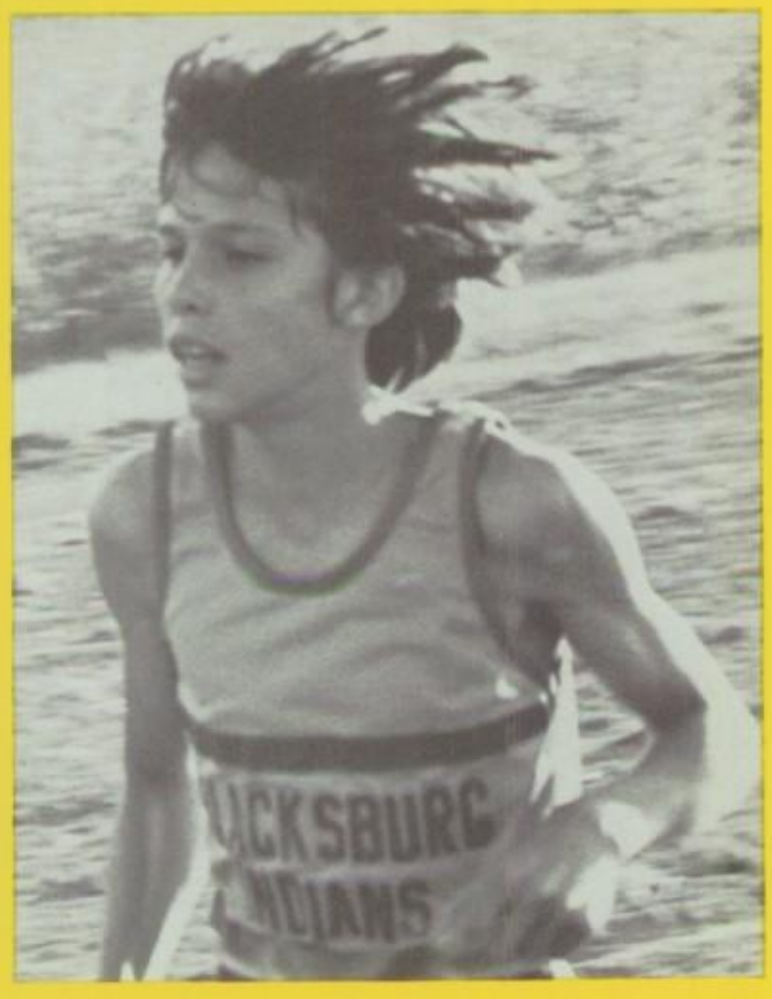
Just Try to Imagine Life Without Competition





Stretching for the rebound. Center Lynne Collins of the Girls' Varsity Basketball team, reaches for the ball in an exciting game with Radford, one of the team's toughest opponents, while forward Marlena Ackerman gives support.

Heads or Tails? Team captains, Bob Whitlock and Bill Christopher, await the outcome of the coin toss. The winner of the toss will choose whether to kick or to receive the ball.



Endurance Test. Freshman Vincent Petrecca paces himself in order to finish his long-distance race. Underclassmen gain valuable experience in running strategy and endurance on the cross country team which makes them top runners in their junior and senior years.

Athletics not only provided fun and excitement for fans and players, but also, as every participant knew, athletics taught something about team responsibility and quick decision-making abilities — two very important life skills.

Many students in Blacksburg were talented in sports that were not even represented at Blacksburg High School. The 1978-1979 **Pow Wow** has recognized two such athletes in a special sports section.

Karen Gilbert, a seventeen-year-old senior at BHS studied ballet for thirteen years and has given serious thought to a career in dance. This past summer she attended two ballet schools.

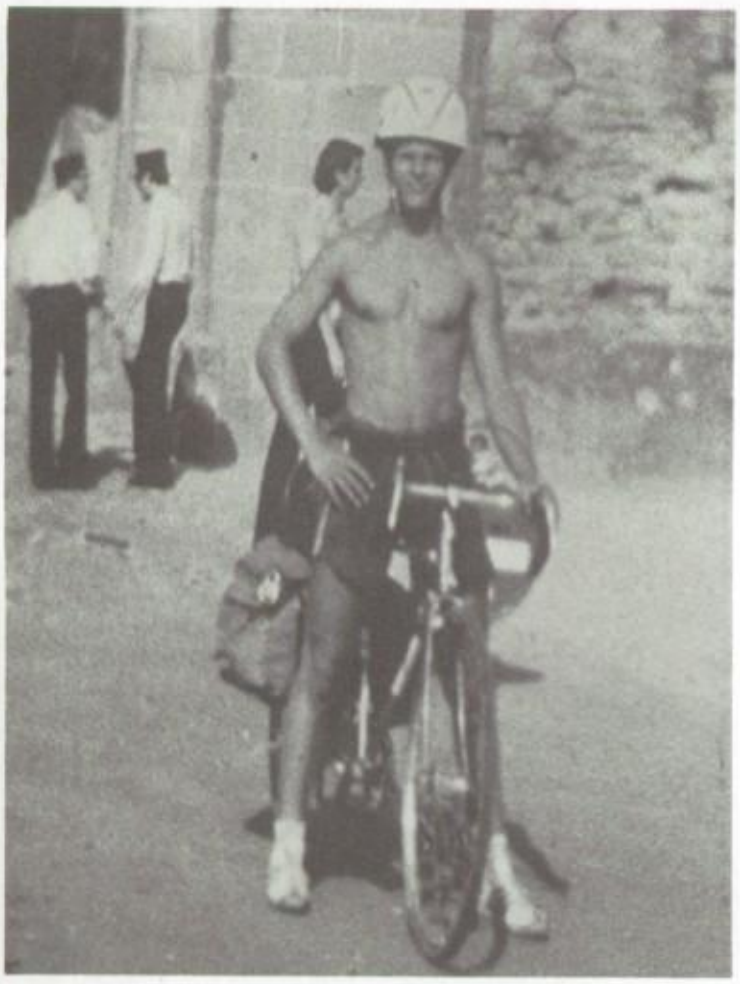
First, Karen auditioned for and received a partial scholarship to study at the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain Lodge in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma. There she had three hours of class a day; this regiment continued for two weeks. Karen took classes in ballet, pointe, and modern dance. One of her instructors was Marjorie Tallchief, sister of the famous dancer Maria Tallchief.

Then Karen went to the Washington School of Ballet for five weeks, where she took classes in pirouette, pointe, modern dance, and ballet.

Karen has also danced in two Tech productions: one an opera, **Die Fliedermaus,** and one a Christmas play, **Amahl and the Night Visitors.**

When questioned about her professional plans Karen remained undecided. Though unsure about what the future might hold, Karen felt dance surely would be a part of it.

Tendu. Karen Gilbert gracefully does a tendu at her audition for the ballet program at the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute. The Institute is a cultural center which offers summer programs in acting and mime, ballet and modern dance, creative writing and poetry, and visual arts such as printmaking.



On the go. Lloyd Bishop pauses outside the medieval wall of the French city of Carcassonne, in the south of France. Lloyd spends two weeks touring this region, which includes Avignon. The next thing on the itinerary is Switzerland.

Senior Lloyd Bishop decided to spend the summer of '78 in a novel fashion. With three friends, he planned a two-month cycling journey through Europe. His previous biking experience included a 1,700 mile trip around the Western U.S.; so he was prepared for any hardships.

The trip began on July 1, in Paris. On an average day, the group cycled sixty miles, carrying forty pounds of gear. They spent six days in Normandy, discovering French culture and cuisine. They visited Omaha Beach, the site of the D-day invasion in World War II. From there, they cycled to Brittany. The group continued until it reached the Loire River, which Lloyd followed all the way to Tours.

After a brief pause at Tours, the cyclists resumed their journey. Riding along the Pyrenees Mountains, they entered Spain by way of the Roncevalles Pass. They stayed in Spain for only twenty-four hours. Upon reaching their next destination, Switzerland, Lloyd stopped for a week to hike in the Alps.

Then Lloyd met his friends, who had gone on to Germany, where they pedaled through the Black Forest. Upon reaching Heidelberg, they took a train to Frankfurt and returned home August 22.

Sleeping in haylofts, soccer fields, and forests, surviving twenty-six tire changes, and living out of saddlebags for eight weeks was no doubt a little wearing, but "what an experience!"

ATHLETES DAZZLE BHS

White Water. Senior Jo-Anne Lee, a top kayaker, competes in the national kayaking championships in New York. Kayak racing involves completing a course, usually a quarter of a mile, during which the kayaker must pass through a series of gates, either upstream, downstream, or backwards. Point penalties are made for hitting the gate or knocking it down. Jo-Anne is the national champion in the junior division.

Senior Jo-Anne Lee was introduced to kayaking by her father, who first shot the rapids in Boy Scouts. Although the entire Lee family has kayaked, Jo-Anne has kayaked for about six and a half years.

"Good places to kayak around Blacksburg were hard to find," stated Jo-Anne, but usually the Lee family shot the rapids at McCoy Falls on the New River or made trips to the New River Gorge in West Virginia.

When Jo-Anne decided to compete seriously in kayaking she ran and occasionally lifted weights in preparation. "This is a sport you really have to be dedicated to," she asserted. However, all this determination paid off. After competitions were held in New York in July, 1978, Jo-Anne was declared womens' national kayaking champion in the junior division.

Curiously, Jo-Anne only had one competitor in the national championships. According to her, this was not unusual. A great many more men than women competed in kayaking.

In competition, an average race was about a quarter of a mile in length, and it normally took three minutes to finish. The races were not unlike slalom skiing in that slalom skiiers must weave in and out of poles without touching them, while racers must go through a series of gates without touching them. The competitor could go through the gates either upstream, downstream, or backwards.

In competition, the kayak or the one- or two-man decked canoe was used.

With the national champion title in her hands, Jo-Anne began to think about competing in the world kayaking championships. These competitions, held biennially, have next been scheduled for 1979. The chosen site for the championships was Jonquiere, Quebec, Canada.

With thoughts turning to future competitions, Jo-Anne continued her program of diligent training that has seen her through past victories.

English hunter. Tracy Roberts, an eleventh-grader at BHS, reins in her thoroughbred Yankee for a breather. Tracy's riding habit, hard hat, and crop are necessary attire when riding English hunt seat.

Sunfish. The high school members of the Sunfish Swim Team take a minute from morning practice. They are Andy Grender, Heather Griffin, Deanna McCollum, Amy Schimidt, and Jennie McCollum.

Throw 'em in the creek. Tracy Roberts and Ashlie Troutman lather up Ferdinand and Blueberry on a hot summer day. Tracy oversees the maintenance of all the horses on the Roberts' farm, which can be a risky business. When the ferrier came to shoe Blueberry, Blueberry broke four of the ferrier's ribs.

Deadwood Days 1978. Tracy Roberts, Andrew Campbell, Ashlie Troutman, and Shannon Roberts impersonate Indians for Deadwood Days. Riding down College Avenue, they create quite an impression on the crowd, with Indian outfits and painted horses.

Push-off. Freshman Heather Griffin prepares to push off and swim a lap or two of backstroke. The team practices at the Tech pool.

Tracy Roberts, a junior and a resident equestrian at BHS, had always been fascinated with horses. At the family farm in Longshop, the Roberts had six horses, including a Tennessee walking horse, two thoroughbreds, and two westerns. Tracy's own horse, Yankee, a chestnut thoroughbred that stood 16.2 hands high, had the West Virginia state champion, All-American Delight, as its dam.

Tracy took riding lessons for six years and then practiced riding hunt seat so that later she would be able to enter English pleasure and English hunt categories in riding competitions. Riding hunt seat involved walking, trotting, cantering, and jumping. Her experience with hunt seat proved valuable when she participated in the annual foxhunt at the Firestone estate. Foxhunting was an extremely risky sport for the inexperienced because of the rapid pace. Another dangerous riding event that Tracy tried was calf-roping, and also she has been interested in trying barrel-racing sometime in the future.

For two summers in a row, Tracy has been in the town massacre on Deadwood days dressed as either a cowboy or an Indian on horseback. She was also a member of the Blacksburg Saddle Club and she helped the veterinarians run a competitive trail ride sponsored by the National Riding Club of America. There were two types of trails — the novice which was over rugged terrain and fifty miles long, and the open, which was not as difficult and twenty to thirty miles long. Every five miles the veterinarians set up check-points to take the horses' pulse and respiration and check the animals for sores. Judges hid themselves at the worst parts of the trails, such as gullies and creekbeds, and marked riders on how well they treated and paced their horses.

In the winter, Tracy occasionally harnessed horses and skiied behind them, or hooked a sleigh to them and went on cross-country sleigh rides. She has also raced trains and planes on horseback.

Tracy's interest in horses has offered her a wide variety of experience and pleasures. Though caring for horses meant responsibilities, Tracy willingly met those demands in order to earn the benefits of being a horsewoman.

While the demands of Tracy's horses were year round, so were the demands of the Blacksburg Sunfish Swim Team. Members of this group range in age from pre-school to college. Several of the team members were Blacksburg High School students.

Training of the team involved everyday practice in the summer and on weekends during the school year. The team was affiliated with the Amateur Athletic Union and competed on group and individual levels at meets in Quantico, Charlottesville, Richmond, Kingsport, and many other areas.

All levels of competition were represented on the team, including untimed (C), timed (B), and faster (A). Competition strokes included freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly, and backstroke. The team has given thought to combining with the Roanoke Valley Swim Team and has also tried to get a faculty member to sponsor it as a school team.

INDIANS TIE FOR CROWN

Close Call. Mike Kelly backs away from a wild pitch in the Virginia High game. He finishes the year as the team's sixth leading hitter with a .283 batting average.

For the second year in a row Blacksburg finished its baseball season tied with Radford. Only a coin toss gave BHS the title and a chance to play Virginia High School in the regional playoffs.

Coaches Bill Dickson and Bill Brown directed the team to a 14-5 overall record. Steve Mann finished the year as the top BHS pitcher with ten wins to his credit. Pitchers Monte Matusevich and Mike Wohlford combined for four more wins.

In the batting department, Billy Wohlford repeated as the team's leading slugger with a .344 batting average and four home runs. Steve Mann was second in batting with a .317 average.

The regional playoff game with Virginia High ended the season for BHS. Although the Indians gave it their best, their powerful hitting opponent prevailed with a 6-1 victory.

1978 Baseball. Front: Glenn Huffman (Manager), Steve Mann, Norm Tyler, Bill Wohlford, Tony Lucas, Greg Brown, Mike Kelly, Tim Price (Manager). **Middle:** Coach Bill Dickson, Tony McGuyer, R.L. Testerman, Eddie Bowyer, Mark Matusevich, David Skelly, Rodney Frazier, Jeff Schmidt, Coach Bill Brown. **Back:** Joe Weber, Mark Hill, Monte Matusevich, Brian Camper, Mike Wohlford. **Not Pictured:** Tony Smith, Dean Willard.

TEAM ADVANCES TO REGIONALS

Laying plans. Coach Dickson and Bill Wohlford discuss game strategy while the remaining team members prepare for the game. Preparedness of the team is essential in baseball.

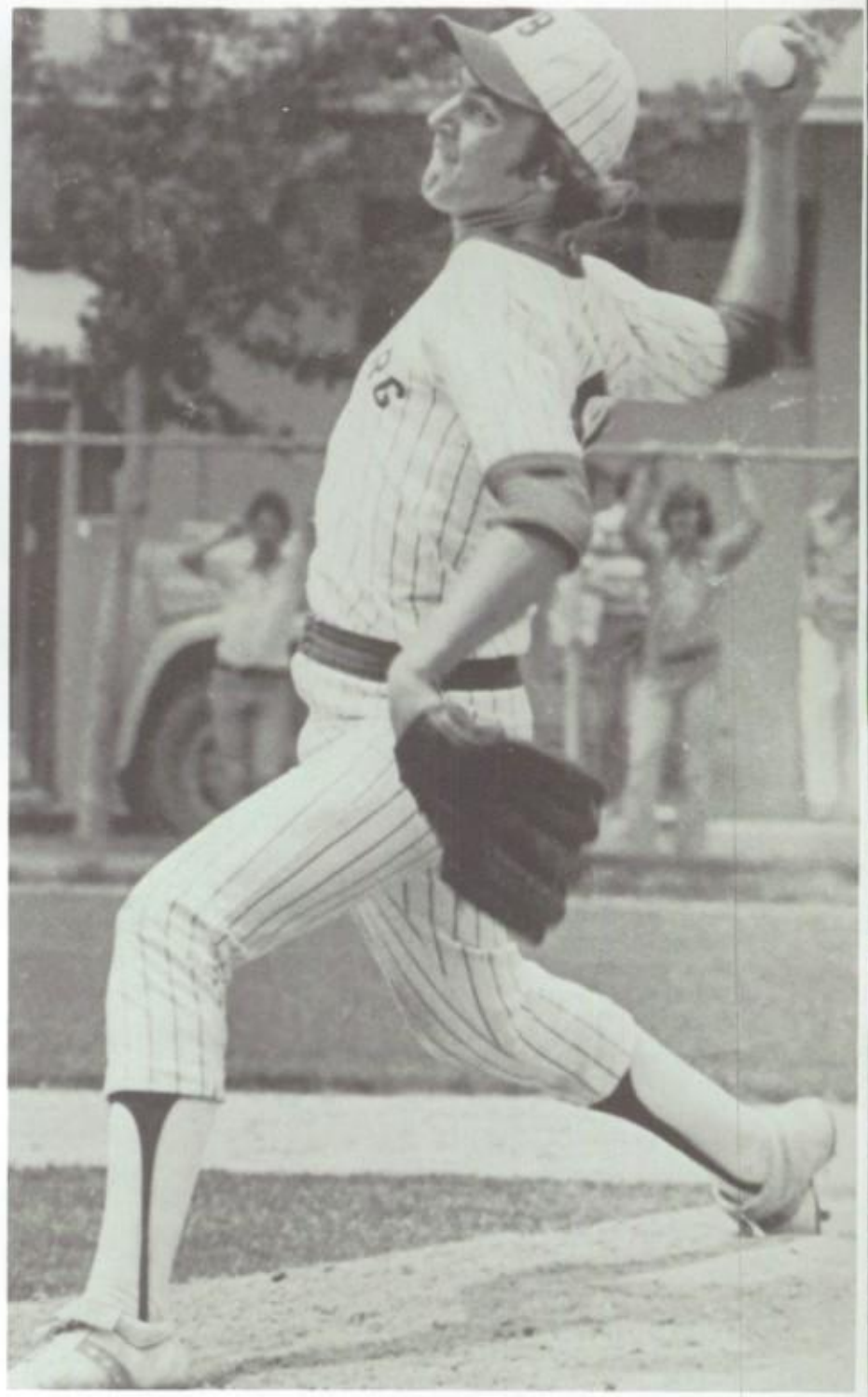
1978 Baseball

BHS	9	5	Narrows
BHS	0	3	Radford
BHS	5	4	Galax
BHS	0	2	Christiansburg
BHS	4	1	Floyd County
BHS	5	4	Pulaski County
BHS	17	1	Carroll County
BHS	14	5	George Wythe
BHS	8	7	Lord Botetourt

Final Record 8-2

Regional

BHS	1	6	Virginia High



Full Force. Steve Mann shows determination in his windup during the regional play-off. He finishes the season with an Earned Run Average of 1.87.

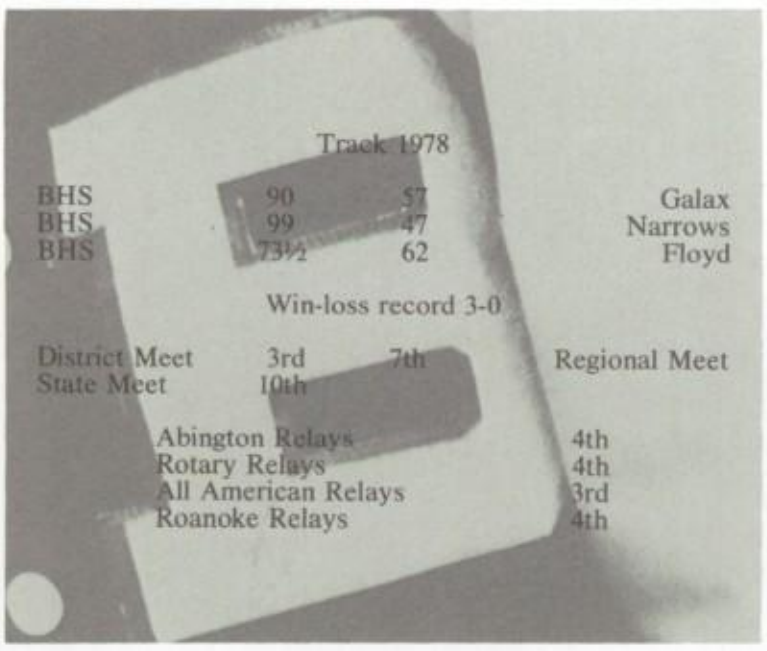
Delivery. Head pitcher, Steve Mann, hurls a strike to raise his already impressive ERA.

TRACK MEN MAKE IT TO STATE

Quick Start. Darren Steiss starts out of the blocks in the 100 yard dash. He also participates in the 220 yard dash and the 880 yard relay.

Distance Runners. Front: David Shotts, Agustin Reyna, Charles Young, Peter Ifju, Danny Sebolt, John Litschert, Lawrence Hoffman. **Back:** Carl Schwertz, Donald Couch, Clark Strickland, Jay Lambe, Joe Savage, Ephry Kaplan, Kevin Gaysunas, Greg Wesley.

Field. Front: Matt McGrath, Mike Hawkins, Buck Matherly, Scutter Lowe, Joe Cole, Quintin Burch. **Back:** Eddie Sherman, Mark Fennell, Robert Martin, Mike Coleman, Mark Dymock, Billy Akers, Greg Keys.



Sprinters. Front: Todd Steiss, Donald Couch, Carl Schwertz, Clark Strickland, Jay Lambe, Tyrone Brown, Scott Dove, Kevin Gaysunas. **Back:** Mark Fennell, Lee Flowers, Eddie Sherman, Joe Savage, Darren Steiss, Mike Coleman, Greg Keys.

Flying high. David McElwee clears the bar at 12'6". In a later meet he clears 13'3" for a new BHS record.

Running behind. Jay Lambe fights to gain the lead from Radford's Ben Turpin in the mile competition.

The 1978 Boys' Track Team held an unblemished record in district competition. Outstanding individual performances highlighted the season. Jay Lambe, with his times of 4:19.6 in the mile and 9:06.2 in the two mile, bettered existing BHS marks in the distance category.

Of the sprinters, the 880 relay team proved to be the most consistent point-getter. It consisted of Eddie Sherman, Darren Steiss, Mike Coleman, and Greg Keys. In the jumping events, David McElwee set a BHS pole vault record with a vault of 13'3".

Mark Dymock was tops in the weightmen and was expected to place in the top five discus throwers in the state this year. Dave Davis was head coach of the team.

GIRLS' TRACK TAKES SECOND IN REGION

In true Greek form. Sheila McClain, a junior, works steadily at mastering discus throwing. She repeats this fifty times each practice as part of her workout.

The 1978 Girls' Track Team. Fourth Row: Sandy Collins, Kristen Saacke, Christen Zweifel, Sue Dellers, Kathy Allen, Susan Edmonds, Tammy Linkous. **Third Row:** Kathy Inger, Julie McMurray, Lorraine Sherman, Kathy Skutt, Susie Houska. **Second Row:** Vicky Griffin, Lynn Tilley, Denise Snell, Barbara Skutt, Pam Schmidt, Nina Houska. **Front Row:** Sheila McClain, Karen McNitt, Cindy Kornegay, Shari Akers, Katy Mason, Lisa Saville.

After the Race. Karen McNitt, Cindy Kornegay, Susie Farrow, and Lorraine Sherman catch their breath after competing in their events.

Taking the hurdles in stride. Senior Lorraine Sherman and sophomores Katy Mason and Kristen Saacke jump the hurdles in perfect unison. Lorraine Sherman is a current district record holder in hurdling.

Hard work paid off for the Girls' Track Team. The team showed outstanding talent and depth, claiming the distinct title and tying for second place in the region. Though the girls worked diligently all season they attributed their success to their new coach, Mr. Mike Callahan.

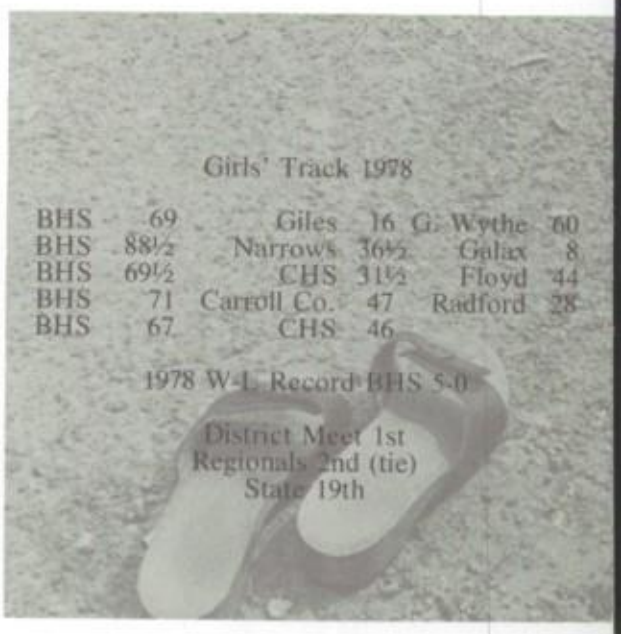
Described as the unifying factor of the team, Coach Callahan undoubtedly gave the girls the incentive to win. According to sophomore Cindy Kornegay, "Coach Callahan understands us, and he's a good coach. He makes us work; so we hate him during practice, but we love him after practice."

The team also had two assistant coaches. Calvin "C. J." Jameson assisted the field events. "We hope that he comes back next year," stated junior Denise Snell. Mrs. Colley helped the shot putters, and the team members agreed that she helped psychologically at meets by calming them down.

Each part of every practice was timed which certainly helped the girls to improve their speeds. In fact, at the district meet, they set four out of seven new girls' district records. Dennie Munson held the high jump record; Lorraine Sherman set the 80-yard low hurdles record; Susie Farrow set the 220 yard dash record, and the 440 yard relay record was set by the team of Cindy Kornegay, Denise Snell, Susie Farrow and Sarah Marshall.

The girls' team also rated well among state teams. At the State meet Dennie Munson took fourth in the high jump and the 440 relay team also came in fourth.

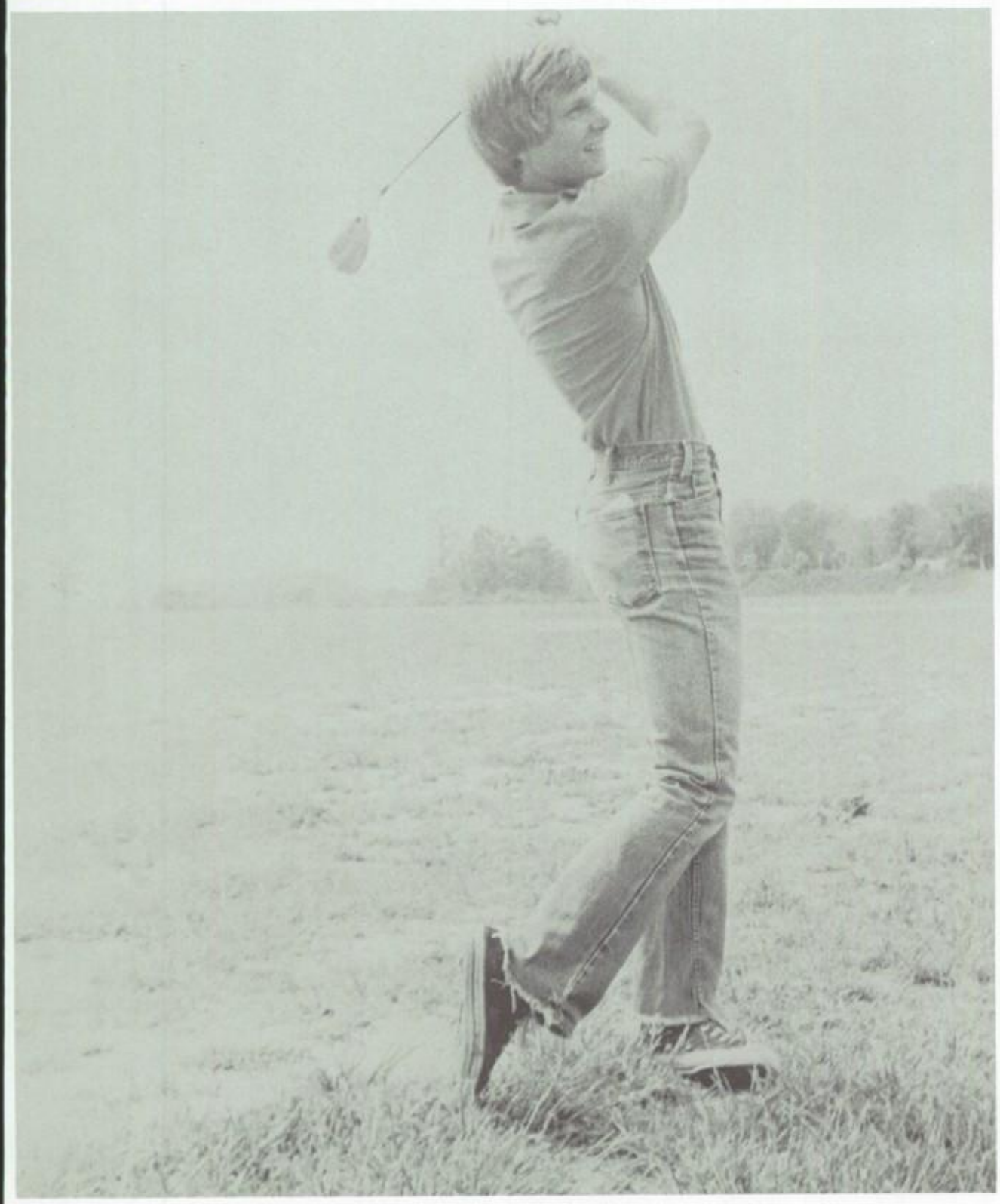
At the end of one of the best girls' track seasons ever, Coach Callahan was sorry to see his seniors leave, but he remarked that he was already looking forward to next year's season.


Girls' Track 1978
BHS 69 Giles 16 G. Wythe 60
BHS 88½ Narrows 36½ Galax 8
BHS 69½ CHS 31½ Floyd 44
BHS 71 Carroll Co. 47 Radford 28
BHS 67 CHS 46
1978 W-L Record BHS 5-0
District Meet 1st
Regionals 2nd (tie)
State 19th

GOLFERS: SEVENTH IN STATE

1978 Golf Team. Front: Louis Smith, Joel Hutcheson, Bobby Hypes, Beth Waddell. **Back:** Gary Graves, Pat Price, Robbie Fleeger.

Practice makes perfect. Bobby Hypes takes a practice swing to keep in form. He is honored with the title of medalist in the New River District.



1978 Golf

BHS	342	329	Pulaski
BHS	312	324	Giles
BHS	310	368	Radford
BHS	320	374	Christiansburg
BHS	333	324	Floyd County
BHS	320	340	Galax
BHS	160	179	Carroll County
BHS	332	350	Wytheville

Final record 6-2

District 2nd
Regional 2nd
State 7th

The 1978 golf team finished second in the New River District with a 6-2 mark. The team was coached by Bob Wheary. Bobby Hypes was the top man on the team and was named as the medalist in the district. Robbie Fleeger and Louis Smith filled the second and third spots on the team. Youth was a characteristic of the team as it consisted of two seniors, two juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman. Beth Waddell was the only girl on the team.

Playing with a six man team, the four lowest individual scores were added to arrive at a team score. The team with the least number of strokes won.

Floyd proved to be Blacksburg's toughest competition in the district. Floyd defeated BHS once in regular season, and then tied with Galax and Blacksburg for the district title. The three-way tie was broken in a playoff in which Galax came in third, Blacksburg second, and Floyd first.

Blacksburg had good showings in both region and state tournaments, placing second and seventh, respectively.

NETTERS SWEEP THE COURTS

Tennis 1978

BHS	7	2	Narrows
BHS	7	2	William Byrd
BHS	9	0	Giles
BHS	1	8	Christiansburg
BHS	9	0	Galax
BHS	9	0	Carroll County
BHS	9	0	Floyd
BHS	6	3	George Wythe
BHS	3	6	Radford
BHS	7	2	Marion

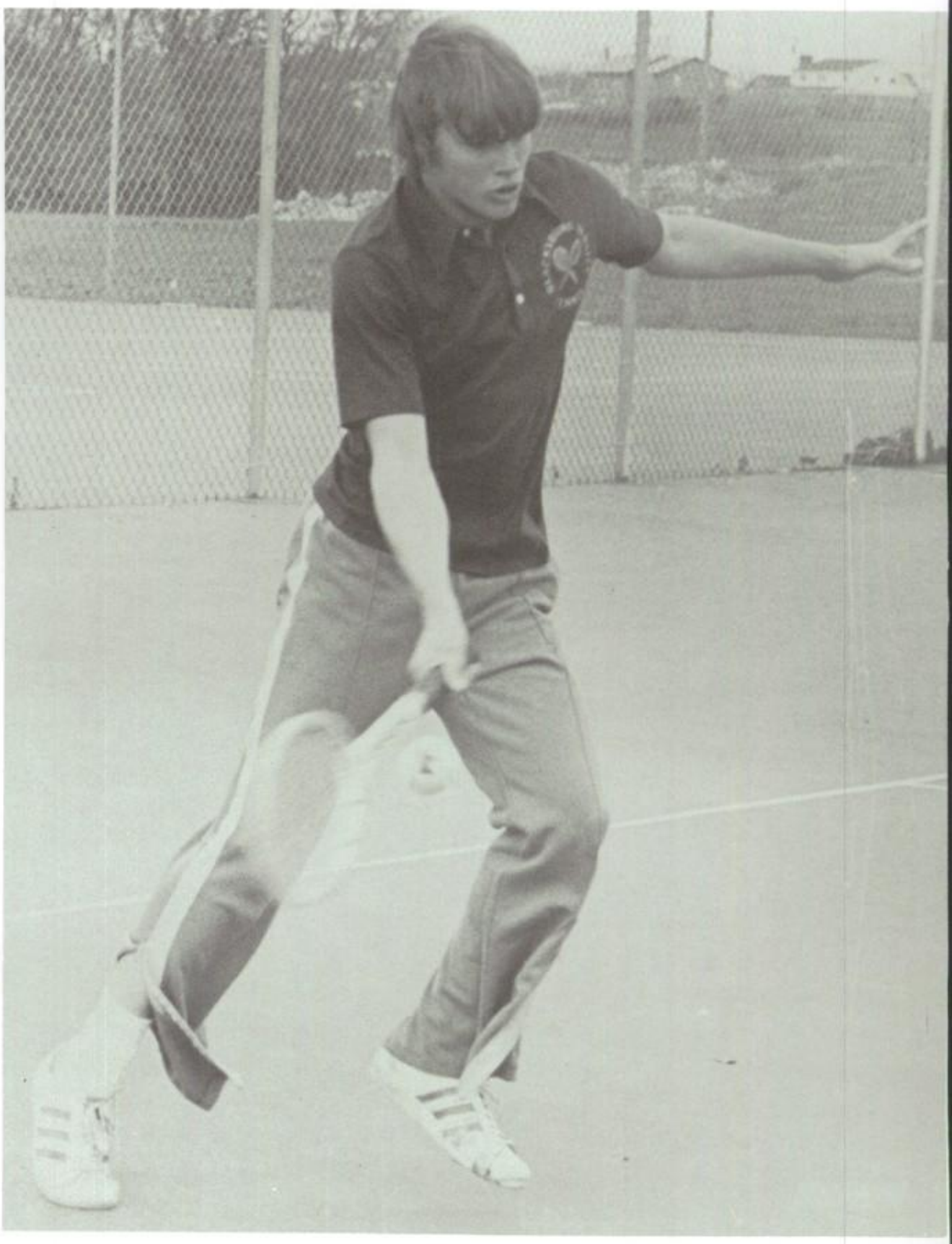
Final Record 8-2

District 3rd

Bill Flowers and Benji Blanchard, the team's only two seniors, led the Indians through a successful season ending with an 8-2 record. Losing only to Radford and Christiansburg, the 1978 varsity tennis team ended its season owning the third seat in the New River District. Experience was the key word for the team which consisted of two seniors, three juniors, and three sophomores.

Winning 60% of his singles matches, one of the youngest players, Robert Houska, showed skill that promised to dominate years to come. Bruce Harrison sat in the top seat for nine out of ten regular season matches. Following second and third overall were Paul Mitchell and Benji Blanchard, respectively. Seeded second for the doubles play, the Blanchard-Flowers team won 90% of its matches with a 9-1 record.

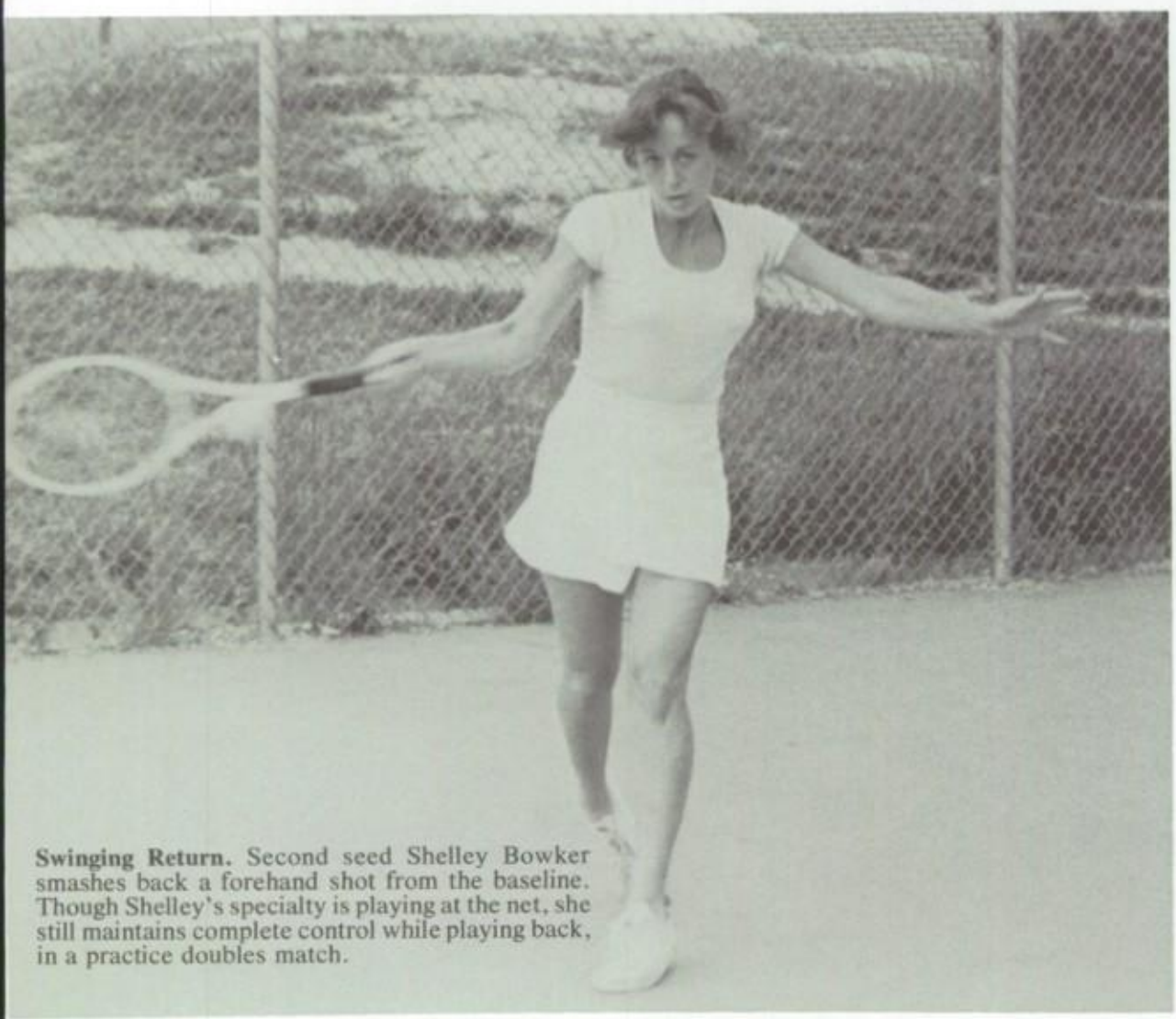
The boys spent many long hours on the track as well as on the courts and finished the season with no injuries. Next year's team counted on welcoming back its source of strength — three rising seniors who were competing for the team's top seats.



Practice pays off for singles player Bill Flowers; his concentration and strong forehand blend to give Flowers an 8-2 singles record for the season.

1978 Tennis. Front: Mike Richardson, Joel Taylor, John Lipsey, Kyle Johnson. **Back:** Bruce Harrison, Robert Houska, Benji Blanchard, Kevin Clevenger. **Not Pictured:** Paul Mitchell, Bill Flowers.

YOUTH DOESN'T HINDER PERFORMANCE



Swinging Return. Second seed Shelley Bowker smashes back a forehand shot from the baseline. Though Shelley's specialty is playing at the net, she still maintains complete control while playing back, in a practice doubles match.

Ace. Christine Petrecca works on perfecting her serve during the summer months.

The 1978 tennis season provided an excellent platform for a competitive team. Last year's tennis team initially appeared to have suffered from the loss of four out of six starters. Yet, to the surprise of many, they took the runners-up title in district competition.

The girls found that starting underclassmen did not hinder the team's performance even with the team's youth and inexperience. On the contrary, the girls' team vied with some of the toughest AA and AAA schools in the valley. As the Indians only lost four of their fourteen matches the girls felt they had profited by playing those excellent teams.

By starting, Christa Arnold, Chris Petrecca, and Beth Bennett gained valuable playing experience. Not only are these girls returning, but so are two of the other starters, Meredith Schnitzer and Shelley Bowker.

The 1978 season provided an excellent opportunity for the girls to gain experience in tournament play. The team for next year will have been well seasoned and prepared to win in state competition.

1978 Tennis Team. Front: Beth Bennett, Leigh Cook, Laurie Jarrett, Caroline Krebs. **Back:** April Montgomery (Manager), Chris Petrecca, Christa Arnold, Diane McDaniels, Meredith Schnitzer, Shelley Bowker.

Girls' Tennis 1978

BHS	6	3	Northcross
BHS	3	6	William Fleming
BHS	5	4	Pulaski
BHS	0	9	Patrick Henry
BHS	4	5	Radford
BHS	8	1	Christiansburg
BHS	9	0	Galax
BHS	2	7	Patrick Henry
BHS	8	1	Carroll County
BHS	5	4	George Wythe
BHS	5	4	Giles
BHS	5	4	Pulaski
BHS	—	—	Narrows
BHS	4	5	Roanoke Catholic

STATE AA CHAMPIONS

The Girls' Varsity Basketball team opened its season with a strong and experienced team. With all starters returning, the Indians breezed through their first four games quite handily. In the fifth game, the girls met the Radford Bobcats, and despite a well-played game the Indians lost by one point in the final seconds of the game.

This single defeat seemed to kindle the fire of the Indians' team. The girls proceeded to demolish every team in and out of the district. The closest score of any game during the regular season, after their first and only defeat, was 18 points and that was the second time the Radford Bobcats met with the Indians.

Due to Blacksburg's loss to Radford and vice-versa, there was a tie for the regular season district champions. This was settled at Christiansburg High School with a play-off game.

The play-off game was all but exciting and close. As coach Warren Murphy stated, "Radford seemed to roll over and die for us."

The Bobcats seemed to have accepted defeat from the first moments of the game. Point guard Bronie Reynolds stated, with the general feeling of the team, "I knew that if we could break the jinx, beat Radford just once, they would never touch us again."

So the Indians entered the district tournament as the regular season champs with a fine record of 19-1.

The first tournament game was Blacksburg against Galax. The Indians, as expected, abruptly routed the Maroon Tide with a score of 63-33.

The Indians then met up with Carroll County and proceeded to show no mercy as they wiped out the Cavaliers, supressing any hopes the fifth place team may have had. The final score of this second round game was 54-30.

The tournament finals provided the platform for another showdown between Blacksburg and Radford.

Seemingly tense, both teams filed into the Blacksburg gym quietly. The Indians opened the game with a fierce, penetrating offense and a defensive press that would not allow Radford past half court.

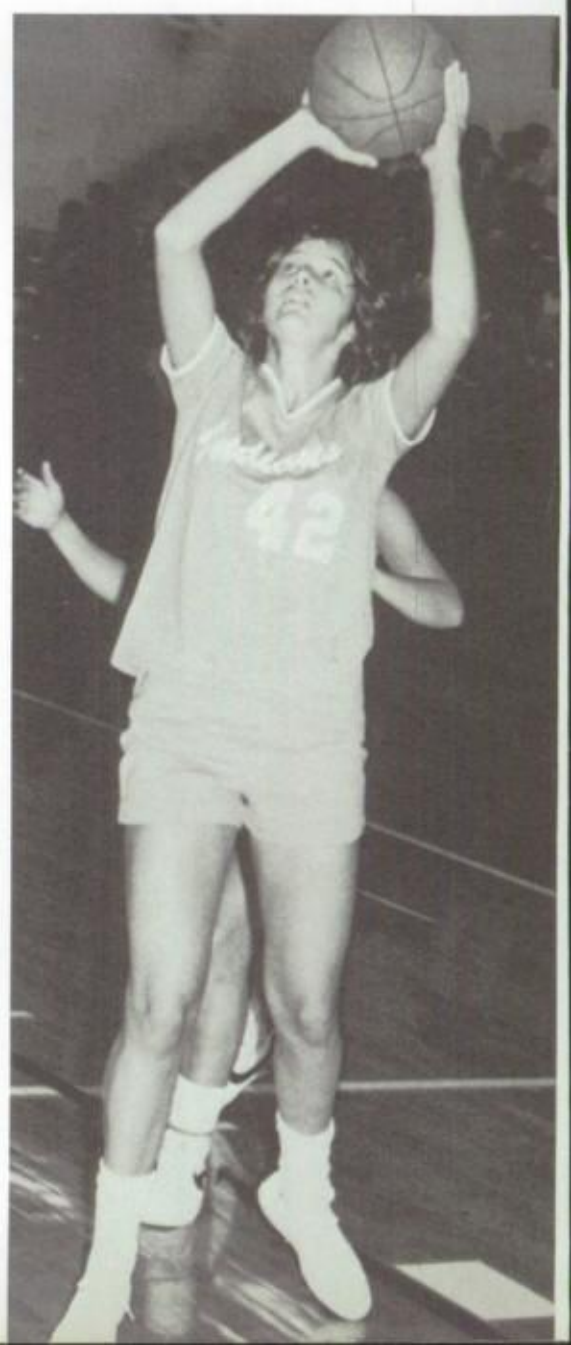
The Indians played one of their finest games that night, never letting the Bobcats up enough to even hope for a victory. The final score 55-35, plainly illus-

State Champions. The Blacksburg Girls' Varsity Basketball Team shows it's number one after winning the State AA Championship held in Harrisonburg against John F. Kennedy High School in Suffolk, Virginia. The team members are: **Front:** Sandy Collins, Bronie Reynolds, Shelley Bowker, Cathy Munson, Lori Cathey. **Back:** Scarlett Schneider, Gail Evans, Theresa Price, Lynne Collins, Kathy Allen, Marlena Ackerman, Chris Eiss, Coach Murphy.

Out of Bounds! Indians and Bobcats alike scramble to seize the ball before it goes out of bounds while the referee stands ready to blow the whistle. The Indians run rampant over their archrivals throughout the season. In this game with Radford, Blacksburg downs the Bobcats by eighteen points.

On her knees. Shelley Bowker snatches the ball while guarded by Marion player Diane Boehm. The Indians defeat the Scarlet Hurricanes 62 to 45. Also pictured is Indian Gail Evans.

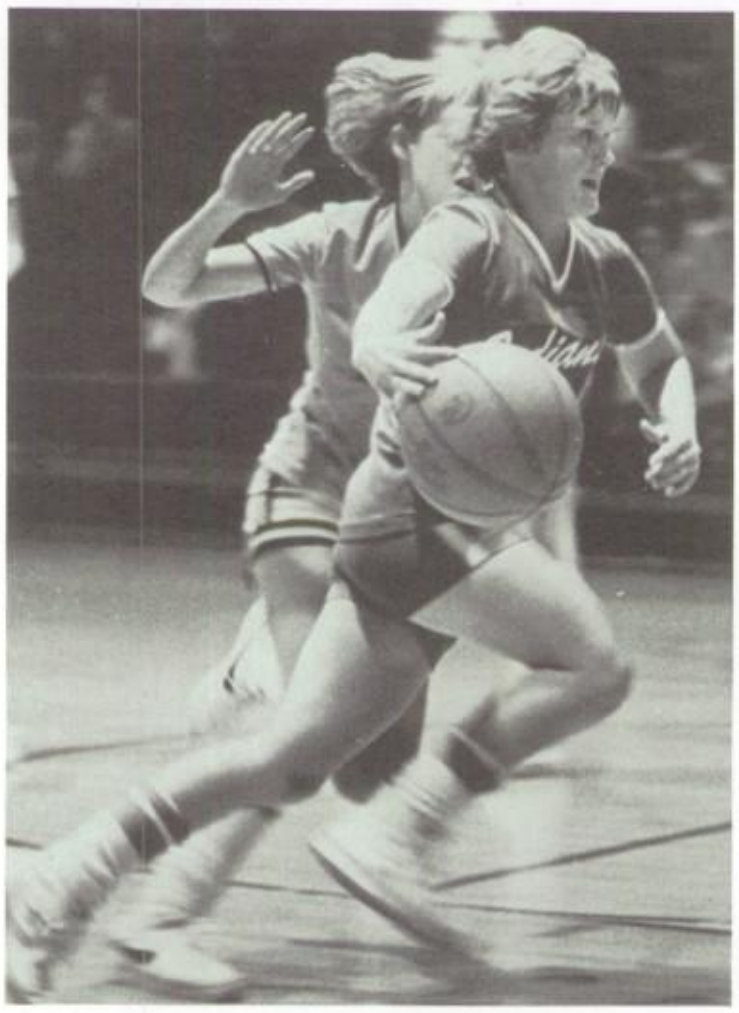
Concentration. Sophomore Sandy Collins takes the opportunity while she is open to go for the score.



Teamwork! Sisters Lynne and Sandy Collins team up to try and "outrebound" Bobcat Julie Williams while Indian Marlena Ackerman and Paige Selvey and Brenda Snell of Radford stand by in suspense, waiting for the outcome. Radford is not as tough competition as expected this year. "Turner-Ashby is the hardest game we played," states team member Chris Eiss. The team meets Turner-Ashby in the state semi-finals.

BLACKSBURG MOWS DOWN COMPETITION . . .

Keeping pace with the ball. Lynne Collins, Bronie Reynolds, and Shelley Bowker hustle to keep up with Marion's Diane Boehm in a regular season game at Blacksburg. The Indians' defensive tactic of "pressing" their opponents is a valuable asset in regular and tournament play, and it enables them to defeat the Scarlet Hurricanes 62-45.



Mad Dash. Indian guard Bronie Reynolds burns up the court, proving to be an extremely difficult person to cover, as George Wythe's Tina Philippi discovers. Bronie, a junior, is named Best Defensive Player for 1978 along with senior Shelley Bowker. The final score for the George Wythe game is 53 to 42, with the Indians victorious.

trated Blacksburg's fervor for a bid in the State Tourney.

Even an official of this game described Blacksburg's excellent ball team as "awesome . . . and capable of beating any team in the district and even the region by 20 points."

Blacksburg then had a week to prepare for the regional tournament in which BHS would be the number one seed from the New River District. The Indians met Gate City in the regional semi-finals at Marion. They continued their pattern of massacre by defeating the Blue Devils, 77-44.

This led the Indians into the regional final where they once again met the Radford Bobcats. This was the fifth and final time the Indians would have a chance to beat Radford. But this game was much more exciting than the last.

Radford seemed to have revitalized and employed every bit of strength, knowledge, and effort into its only hope for a state bid.

Despite the Bobcat's concentrated efforts, the Indians proved to be too great a match for the Bobcats to handle. The Indians continued their 21 game winning streak by defeating the Bobcats 60-44.

This win gave the girls their long awaited State Tourney bid. The girls traveled to Harrisonburg where the State playoffs were to be held. The semi-finals matched Blacksburg against Turner-Ashby, of Harrisonburg.

The Indians had prepared diligently for the Knights. After receiving a scouting report on T.A., the Indians began to make minor changes in their guards. Harrisonburg operated an excellent defensive game that resembled Blacksburg's. This game was definitely the best of the tournament.

Although the Indians led the whole game, all but once, there were many fleeting moments when Turner-Ashby hoped that it would gain the lead and retain it.

The Indians were not familiar with the amount of physical contact allowed in this game. The number of fouls for Turner-Ashby was incredible. They literally beat Blacksburg as many players returned home with "battle wounds."

The Indians had a relatively poor offensive night as they were only 46 percent from the floor and 64 percent from the foul line.

The strongest points in this game were Bronie Reynolds and Scarlett Schneider. Bronie poured in 17 points and Scarlett took 14. The Collins sisters mastered the

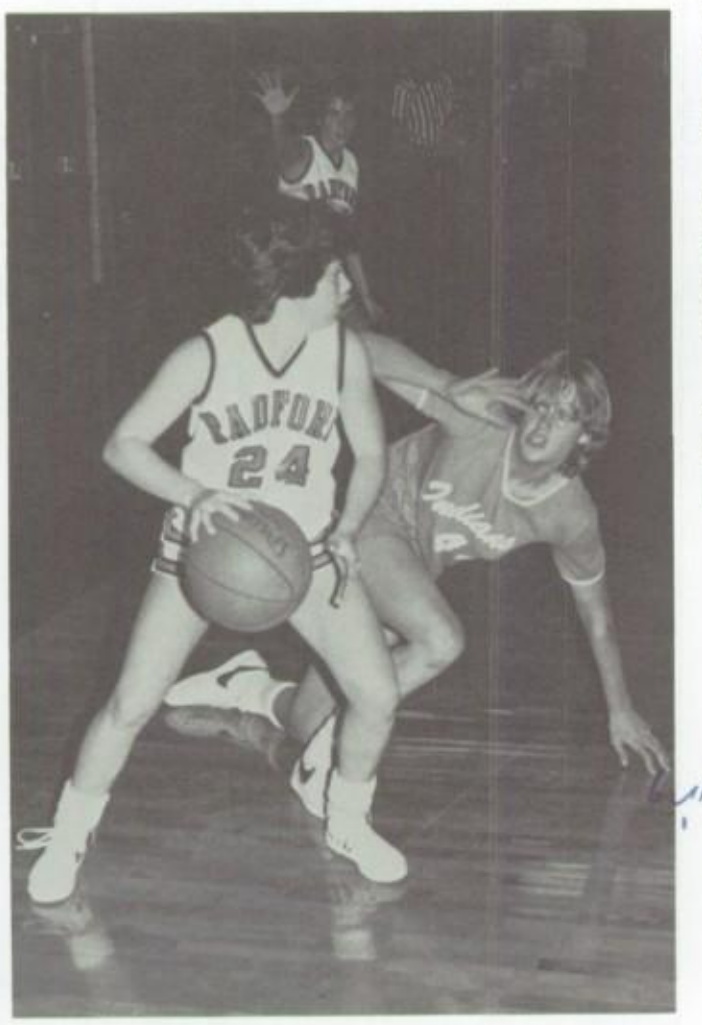
...AND REAPS ITS JUST REWARDS

Sports Banquet Awards. Varsity basketball players Lynne Collins, Bronie Reynolds, and Shelley Bowker receive awards at the Fall Sports Banquet. Lynne Collins and Bronie Reynolds, both juniors, are named to the first team of the All New River District girls' basketball squad. Lynne Collins is the first player to repeat as Player of the Year. Warren Murphy, Indians' coach, is also named to the district squad as Coach of the Year. Scarlett Schneider also receives coaches' votes and is elected to the second team of the All New River District squad. Bronie, Shelley, Lynne, and Scarlett receive varsity letters. Shelley and Bronie are named Best Defensive Players of the Year and Shelley receives the Captains' award. Scarlett and Lynne receive awards for being Most Valuable Players.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

George Wythe	45	51	BHS
Narrows	21	65	BHS
William Byrd	56	57	BHS
Giles	23	59	BHS
Radford	50	49	BHS
Galax	29	89	BHS
Christiansburg	46	68	BHS
Floyd	34	69	BHS
Carroll County	21	32	BHS
Marion	45	62	BHS
George Wythe	42	53	BHS
Narrows	19	86	BHS
Giles	37	77	BHS
William Byrd	45	75	BHS
Radford	41	59	BHS
Galax	22	78	BHS
Christiansburg	29	71	BHS
Floyd	35	63	BHS
Carroll County	17	46	BHS
Radford	38	58	BHS
Galax	33	63	BHS
Carroll County	30	54	BHS
Radford	35	55	BHS
Gate City	44	77	BHS
Radford	44	60	BHS
Turner-Ashby	58	62	BHS
JFK	45	54	BHS

Final record 26-1



Another Indian Victory. Junior Lynne Collins scrambles to guard Bobcat player, Paige Selvey, in the second game Blacksburg plays against the Radford Bobcats. The Indians win this game 59 to 41.

boards, Lynne with 14 rebounds and Sandy with 12. This control of the boards enabled the Indians to maintain their running game.

Turner-Ashby proved to be the toughest competition the Indians had met so far, yet they were not tough enough. The Indians downed the Knights, 62-58; this put Blacksburg into the finals with John F. Kennedy, of Suffolk.

The final game of the season was now the State championship. The Indians, tired and bruised from their previous game, managed to perform excellently against John F. Kennedy High of Suffolk, which had had an easy semi-final game with Covington, 77-43.

Unlike the previous night, Blacksburg had the domination of the crowd. It seemed that everyone present was pulling for the Indians.

The Wolverines were unable to penetrate the Indians' full court press. The notorious Blacksburg defense was in full operation and shut down Kennedy almost completely in the first quarter.

The Indians' offense was hampered intermittently by the tight, effectual defense used by Kennedy. Scarlett Schneider's nine steals and Shelley Bowker's five helped to keep the Indians ahead with their fast break.

This game was "the night of Scarlett Schneider." She played superb basketball. Not only did she contribute nineteen points and nine steals, but she also brought down four rebounds.

The Indians held their nine point lead with two minutes left to play and took the AA State Championship by defeating Kennedy, 54-45.

JVs STRIVE FOR CONSISTENCY

The JV Girls' Basketball team started out its season with a fairly even split between experienced and unexperienced: seven sophomores and eight freshmen. Despite the ups and downs of this combination, the abilities of these players and their never-say-die attitude carried them through some very harrowing experiences. Exhibiting some flawless basketball, the team finished regular season undefeated.

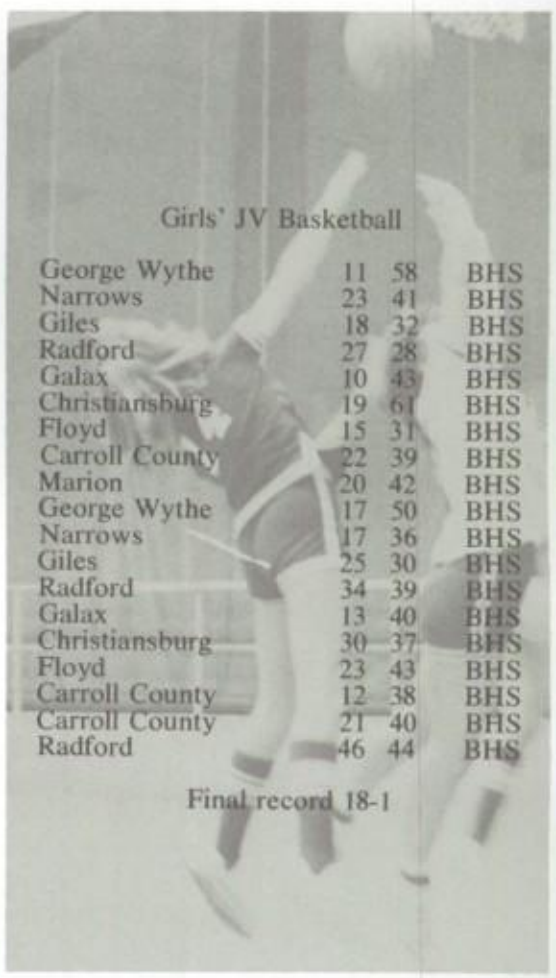
Marion, Giles, and Radford proved to be the toughest opponents the JVs encountered. In all these games the team played excellently and its victories were due to its attention to details, hustling, and teamwork. Unfortunately, hampered by the loss of two key players to injury and the early fouling-out of two more key players, the JVs lost to Radford by only two points in the finals of the district competition.

The five returning sophomore JVs — Diane Burleson, Melissa Dymock, Cindy Graves, Lori Lavery, and Linda White — were valuable assets to the team, with their leadership and talent. These girls and freshman Debbie Byrd were leading scorers. Diane Burleson and Cindy Graves each scored over a hundred points and Diane Burleson was named Outstanding Defensive Player.

The JV team received many compliments during the season for its sportsmanship and class, which was "accurate praise for a super group of young people," according to the team's coach.

1978 Blacksburg JV Girls' Basketball. Back: Lisa Layman, Valerie Roback, Audrey Siegel, Cindy Graves, Diane Burleson, Linda White, Janet Allen. **Front:** Trudy Ballas, Debbie Byrd, Debbie Price, Ann Walker, Lori Lavery, Melissa Dymock, Amy Bellas, Kris Leighton.

Rebound! In an exciting game with Radford, the Indians' toughest opponent, Blacksburg's Valerie Roback, Audrey Siegel, Linda White, and Kris Leighton battle Kathy Hoover, Penny Marshall, and Lisa Gallimore for control of the ball.


Girls' JV Basketball
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Narrows 23 41 BHS
Giles 18 32 BHS
Radford 27 28 BHS
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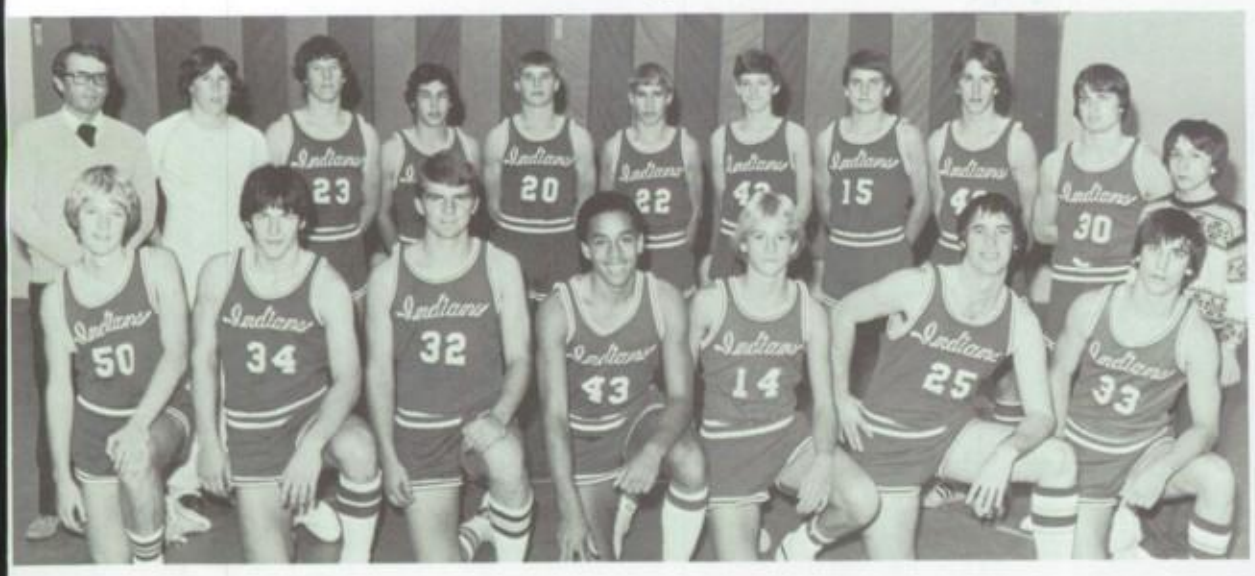
Floyd 15 31 BHS
Carroll County 22 39 BHS
Marion 20 42 BHS
George Wythe 17 50 BHS
Narrows 17 36 BHS
Giles 25 30 BHS
Radford 34 39 BHS
Galax 13 40 BHS
Christiansburg 30 37 BHS
Floyd 23 43 BHS
Carroll County 12 38 BHS
Carroll County 21 40 BHS
Radford 46 44 BHS
Final record 18-1

Checking Out the Competition. Guard forward Lori Lavery delays game action for a second or two while she sizes up Radford's team.

Heartbreaking loss. The Indians run off the floor to congratulate Radford after losing to the Bobcats in the district tournament by only two points. This loss marks the end of a fifty-seven game winning streak.

Huddle. JV Coach Jon Utin takes a moment to outline game strategy to Cindy Graves, Debbie Byrd, Kris Leighton, and Janet Allen at a home game with Marion.

JVs - 1ST IN DISTRICT



JV Basketball. Front: Charles Good, Daniel Frederick, Jamie Bollinger, Greg Keys, Keith King, Joe Boatwright, Greg Puckett. **Back:** Coach Bill Dickson, Robert Gresty (mgr.), Billy Myers, Kevin Albert, Jim Dooley, Lars Jenssen, Allen Campbell, Jamie Devens, Bruce Hammond, Lee Flowers, Mackey Fitzgerald (mgr.).

The 1979 JV basketball team started the season with a burden on its shoulders. Coming off of a 19-0 season in 1978, this year's highly talented team was also expected to repeat as New River District champions.

The team got off to a shaky start as it won a close game over William Byrd in the season opener. The Indians won their next eight games as they ran their season record to 9-0. Blacksburg's first loss was at the hands of William Byrd.

The Indians won their next two games over Carroll County and Galax before dropping a game to Radford. After the first period of play, Blacksburg held a twelve point lead, but the lead dwindled as the team was beaten 41-40. The Indians closed out the season with five straight wins as they finished the regular season in first place. Coach Bill Dickson was honored with his 100th win as JV basketball coach at BHS, with the win over Giles.

In the district tournament, Blacksburg faced Giles in the semi-final round. The Indians led the game throughout the first three quarters but turnovers in the final minutes proved fatal as the team was beaten 35-32. Lee Flowers' eighteen points led the team.

The JV team's scoring leader for the year was Billy Myers with a fifteen point per game average. Greg Keys also contributed eleven points and six rebounds per game. Lee Flowers, Lars Jenssen, Greg Puckett, Daniel Frederick, Jim Dooley, Jamie Bollinger, and Bruce Hammond also started throughout the year.

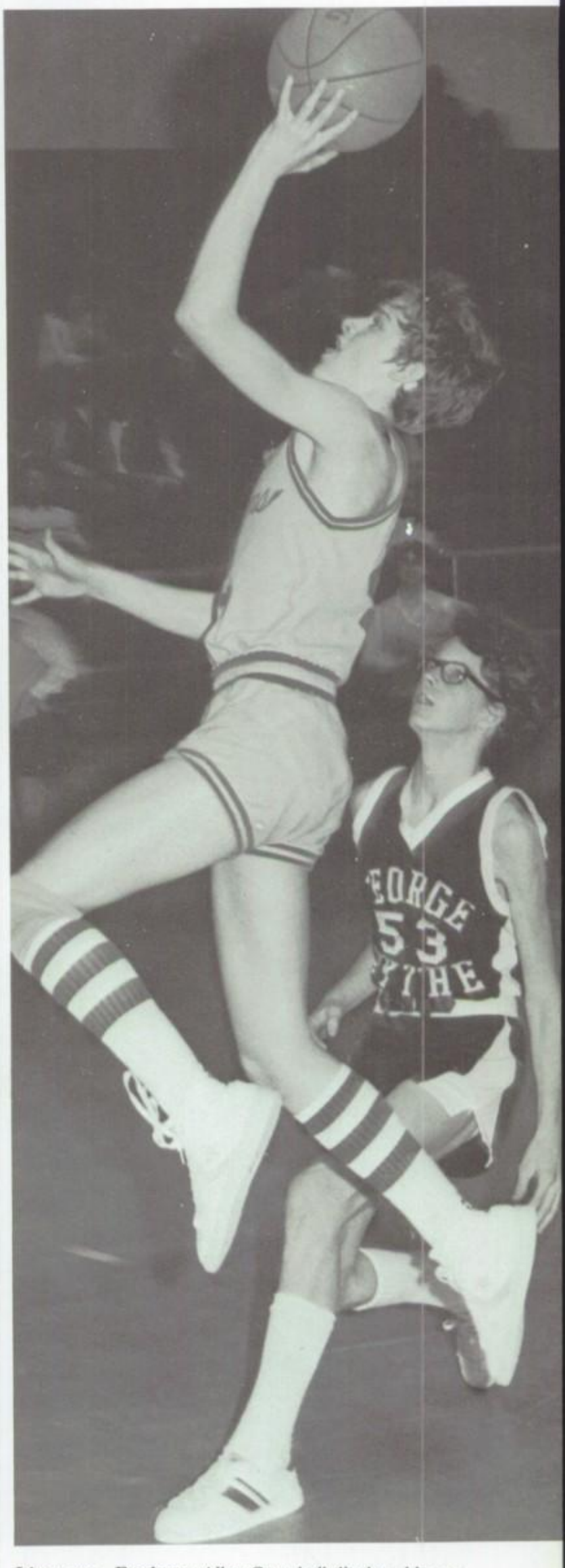
1979 JV Basketball

BHS	56	55	William Byrd
BHS	55	36	Carroll County
BHS	39	28	Galax
BHS	43	39	Radford
BHS	43	41	Christiansburg
BHS	51	34	Giles
BHS	55	36	George Wythe
BHS	48	30	Floyd County
BHS	57	35	Narrows
BHS	29	36	William Byrd
BHS	50	41	Carroll County
BHS	45	36	Galax
BHS	40	41	Radford
BHS	44	37	Christiansburg
BHS	51	21	Giles
BHS	56	30	George Wythe
BHS	54	33	Floyd
BHS	50	40	Narrows

Season Record 16-2

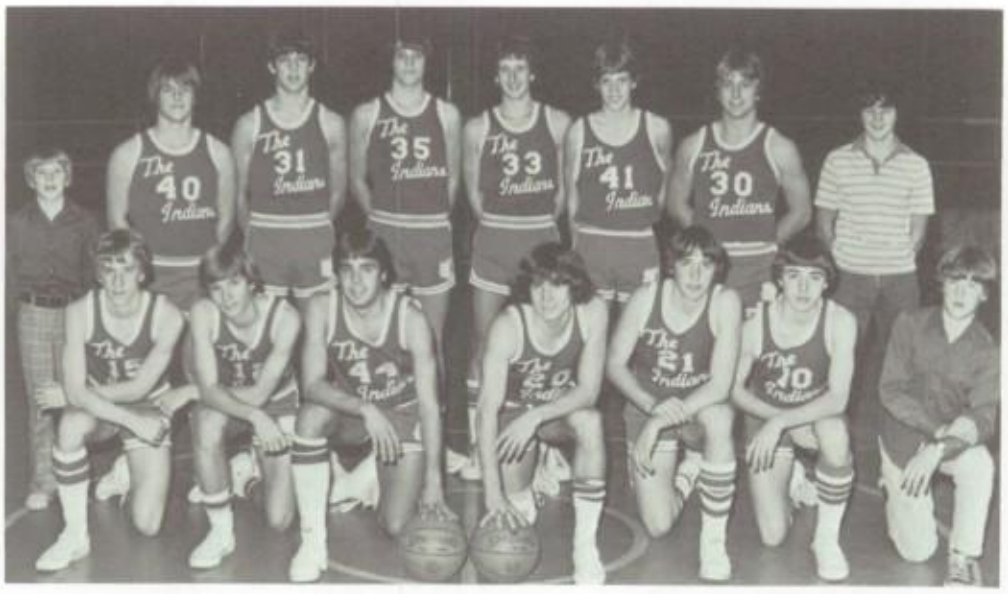
District

BHS	32	35	Giles



It's so easy. Freshman Allen Campbell displays his perfect form as George Wythe's Danny Kirk watches.

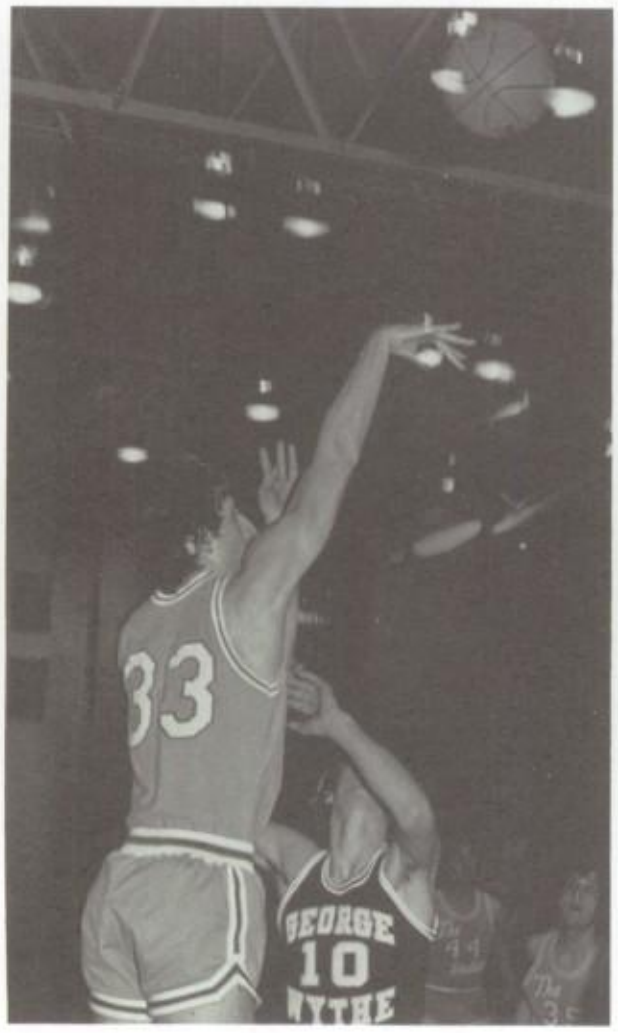
CAGERS REACH REGIONALS AFTER



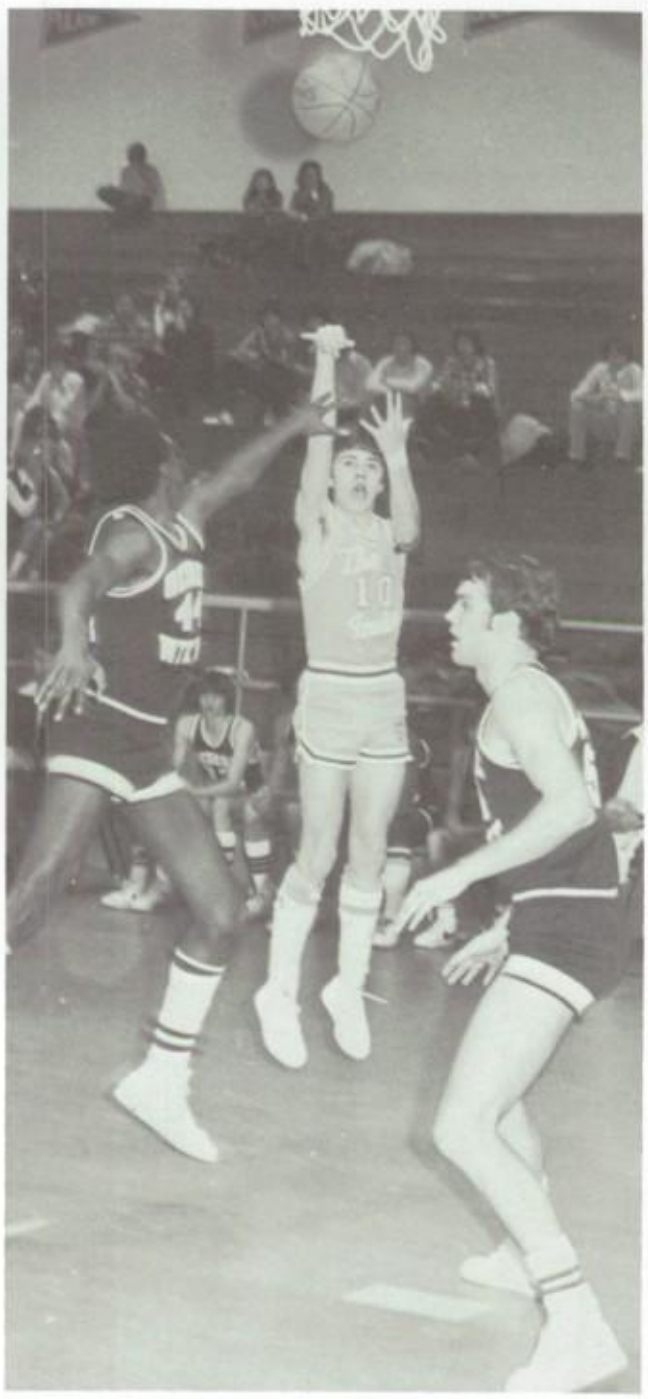
1979 Varsity Basketball. Front: Pat Frith, Bobby Hypes, Page Moir, Randy Kates, Mike Wohlford, Tommy Little, Dean Fugate (mgr.). **Back:** Darren Little (mgr.), Mark Hill, Rick Louthan, James Torgersen, Scott Mullen, Joe Weber, Mark Dymock, Willie Dowdy (mgr.).

A successful basketball team has been somewhat of a tradition at BHS. With an inexperienced starting lineup opening with a slow start this tradition was in jeopardy early in the season. A swift midseason rally saved the season as the Indians finished second in the district with a 12-6 record.

The team was lead by 6-5 center James Torgersen, who averaged twenty-three points and twelve rebounds a game. Scott Mullen and Rick Louthan came on strong late in the season to finish with fifteen points, five rebounds, and twelve points, six rebounds per game, respec-



Over top. Senior forward Scott Mullen fires a shot over Lee Wills of George Wythe. Mullen averages fifteen points and five rebounds per game.



Two points. Tommy Little hits a jumper over the outstretched hand of George Wythe's Chris Crockett.

1979 Varsity Basketball

BHS	75	80	William Byrd
BHS	67	77	Carroll County
BHS	74	64	Galax
BHS	64	76	Radford
BHS	67	52	Christiansburg
BHS	66	55	Giles
BHS	65	67	George Wythe
BHS	84	50	Floyd
BHS	69	65	Narrows
BHS	49	50	William Byrd
BHS	64	79	Carroll County
BHS	67	63	Galax
BHS	83	68	Radford
BHS	71	59	Christiansburg
BHS	67	48	Giles
BHS	60	57	George Wythe
BHS	66	54	Floyd
BHS	65	55	Narrows

District

BHS	57	43	Floyd
BHS	57	55	Narrows
BHS	56	65	Carroll County

Regional

BHS	62	54	Gate City
BHS	52	71	Carroll County

Final record 15-8

TAKING 2ND IN DISTRICT

tively.

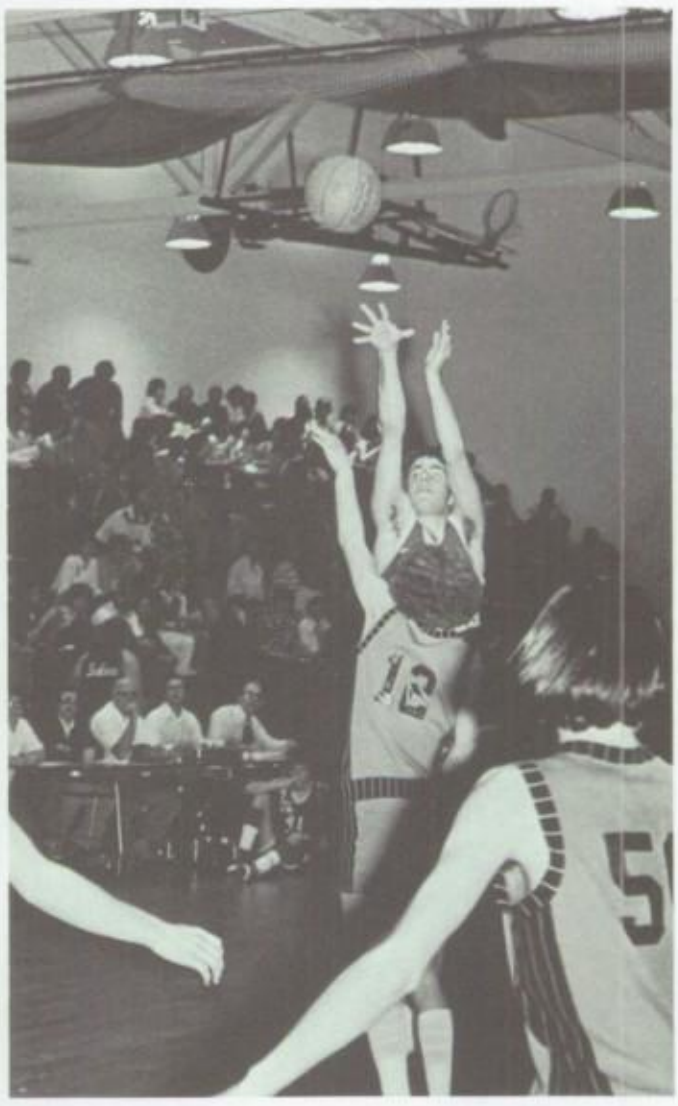
The team seemed to be in a slump as midway through the season the Indians held a 5-5 record. William Byrd provided two of the Indians' losses. Lack of teamwork was the squad's biggest problem during the slump as first team all-district center James Torgersen was forced to carry the bulk of the scoring.

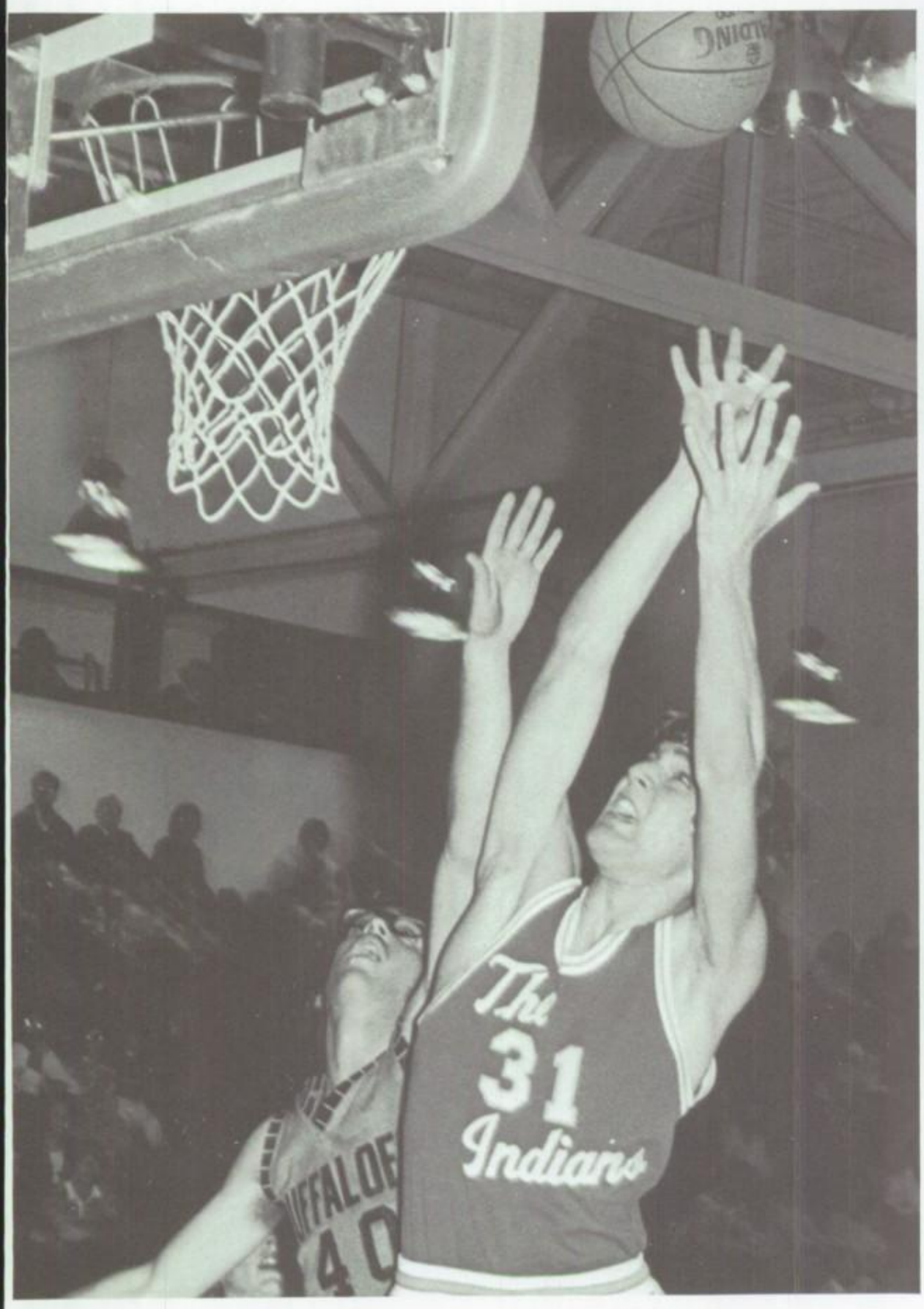
An altered starting lineup by coach Bob Trear and unexpected fine play by juniors Rick Louthan, Joe Weber, Tommy Little, and Bobby Hypes lifted the Indians. Balanced scoring aided the team in winning the next seven contests. With a 12-5 record, the squad faced rival Carroll County. A severe height disadvantage proved to be too much to overcome as the Indians dropped their second game of the season to the Cavaliers, 79-64.

Blacksburg then moved into the district tournament. The Indians easily defeated Floyd; however, senior forward

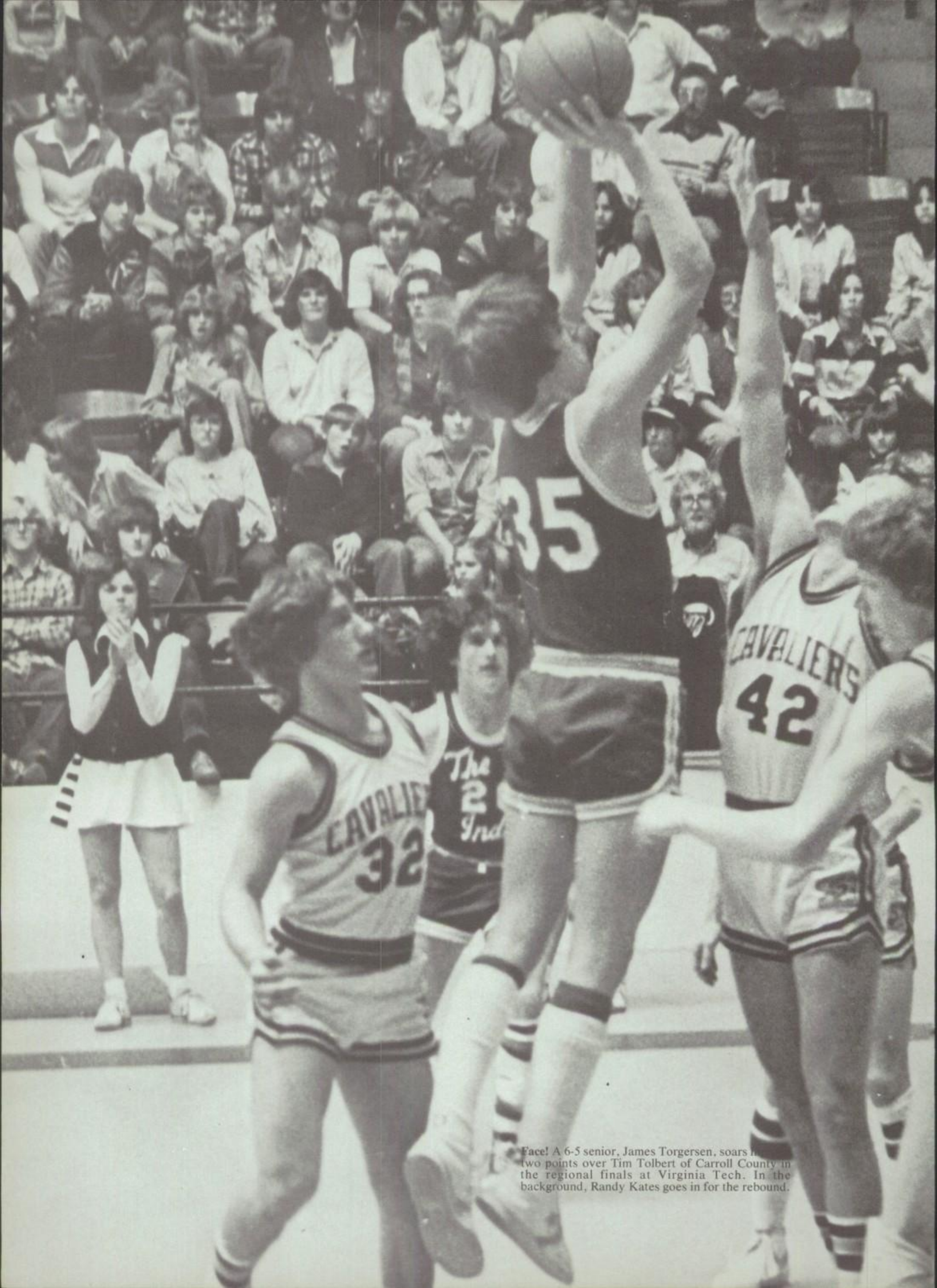
Pass. Bobby Hypes passes the ball as Rick Louthan, Ralph Hollandsworth, and Jim Vest look on.

Jumper. Page Moir goes up for a jumper from outside the foul line as Tim Vest applies pressure.



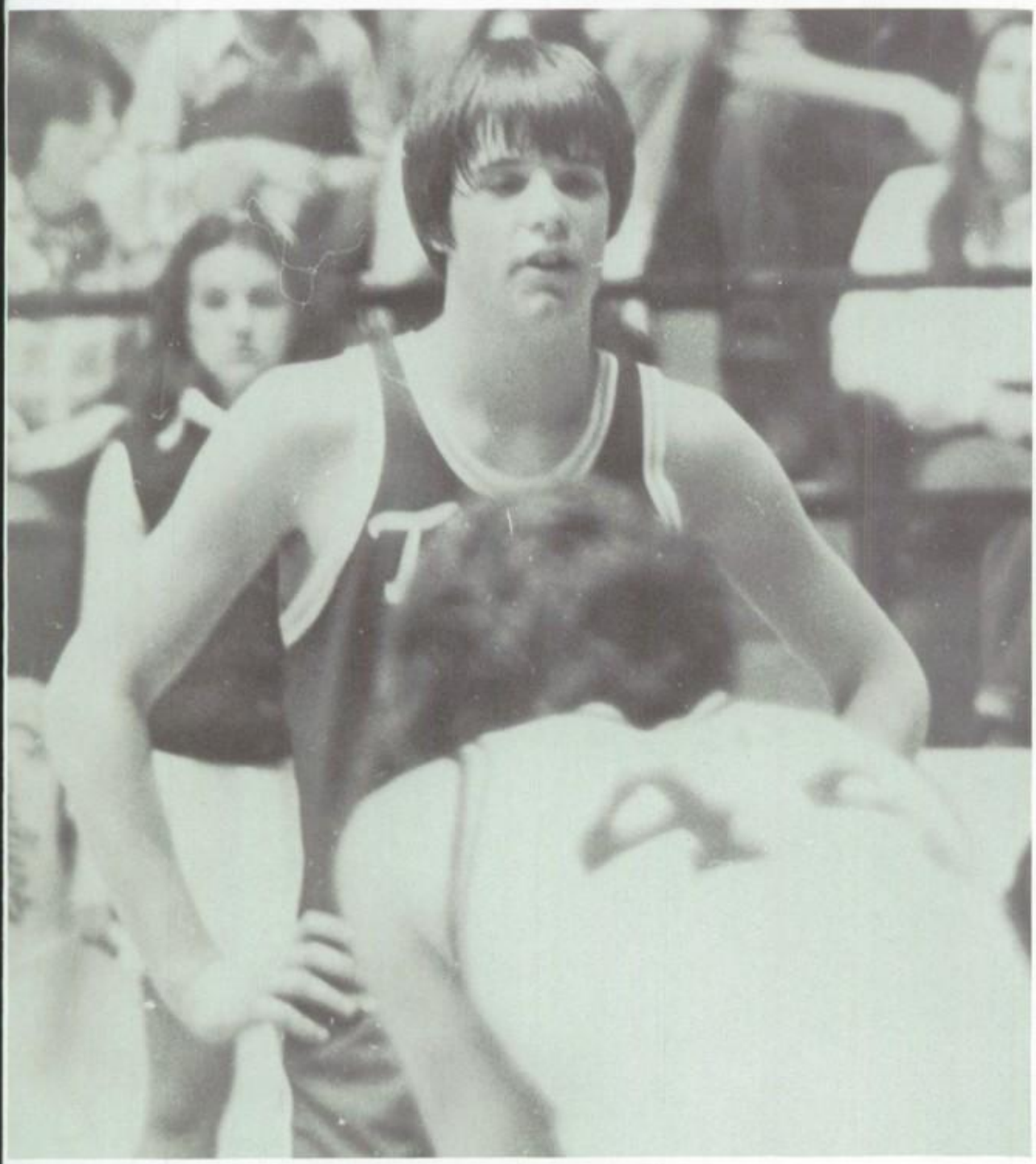


Foul. Rick Louthan is fouled by Floyd's Kevin Vest as Louthan attempts to shoot in the opening round of the district tournament. Louthan averages twelve points per game.



Face! A 6-5 senior, James Torgersen, soars in ... two points over Tim Tolbert of Carroll County in the regional finals at Virginia Tech. In the background, Randy Kates goes in for the rebound.

Follow Up. Bobby Hypes watches the ball as he sinks a free throw against Gate City.



Why me? James Torgersen is called for fouling Patrick Sharp of Carroll County. The Indians were called for 31 fouls in the regional finals.

Scott Mullen was sidelined for the season with a broken finger. Blacksburg's next game was against Narrows. Narrows dominated for the first three quarters as it held a 46-40 lead. But then BHS started its comeback and pulled ahead for the win.

With a regional playoff berth assured, the Indians faced regular season champ Carroll County. The Cavaliers jumped out to a sixteen point halftime lead as a result of Blacksburg's 32% first-half shooting average. Even with a courageous second-half comeback, the Indians fell short, 65-56. Rick Louthan and James Torgersen were named to the all-tournament team.

On the opening round of the Region IV Basketball Tournament, Gate City was Blacksburg's first opponent. Rick Louthan's twenty-three points and ten rebounds led the team from a 36-33 halftime deficit to victory.

For the third time in a little more than two weeks, the Indians would play Carroll County. The winner of this game would advance to the state semi-finals in Charlottesville.

The Indians, previously plagued by falling behind in the first quarter, led 12-11 at this point. However, the Cavaliers were able to feed the ball inside to 6-7 Patrick Sharp in the second quarter and went into the locker room with a five point lead.

In the second half, Blacksburg was victimized by fouls. Four Indians fouled out before the game was over. Even with outscoring Carroll County by twelve points from the floor, the Cavaliers' thirty-seven points at the foul line crushed the Indians as they lost, 71-52.

INDIANS FINISH SECOND TO CARROLL CO. IN REGION IV

RUNNERS DOMINATE DISTRICT

For the third straight year, the Blacksburg Cross Country team finished the season undefeated with complete dominance over the New River District. The team's toughest competition came from the Bobcats of Radford, with the Indians running off with an easy fifteen point victory.

Blacksburg won the district meet with Charles Young, who was running with an injured ankle, finishing second to Carroll County's Tim Tolbert. Peter Ifju finished two seconds back in third place. Chris Marin wrapped up sixth place while David Shotts and John Litschert finished eighth and ninth respectively; eleventh and twelfth place were awarded to Andy Randall and Danny Sebolt.

The Indians moved into the regional competition and placed second to Virginia High School. Peter Ifju led the team with a ninth place finish. David Shotts finished fifteenth in a disappointing showing by the Indians.

In the state competition, Ifju again turned in the team's best time and finished twenty-second.

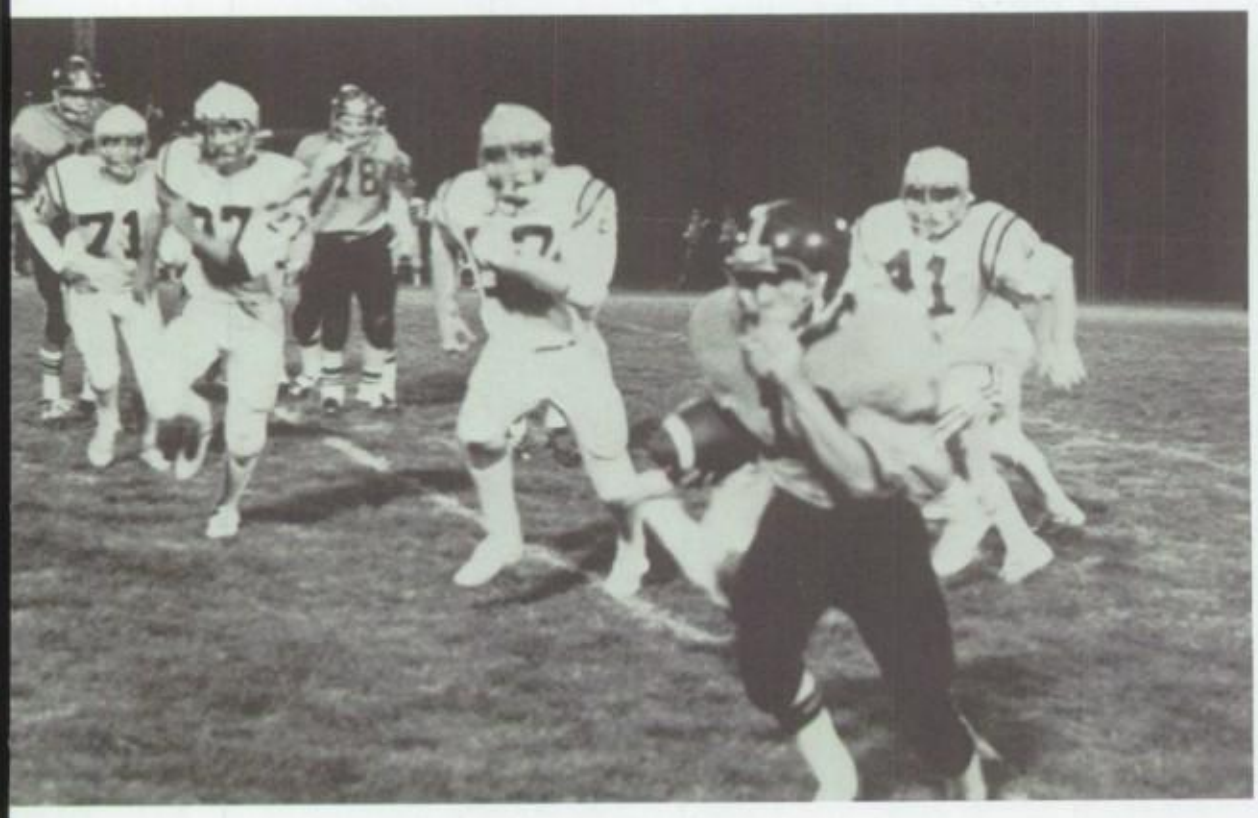
At the annual Fall Sports Banquet, Charles Young and Peter Ifju were honored as the team's most valuable runners. Andy Randall was presented with the most improved runner award. The team was led by second-year Coach Dave Rinker.

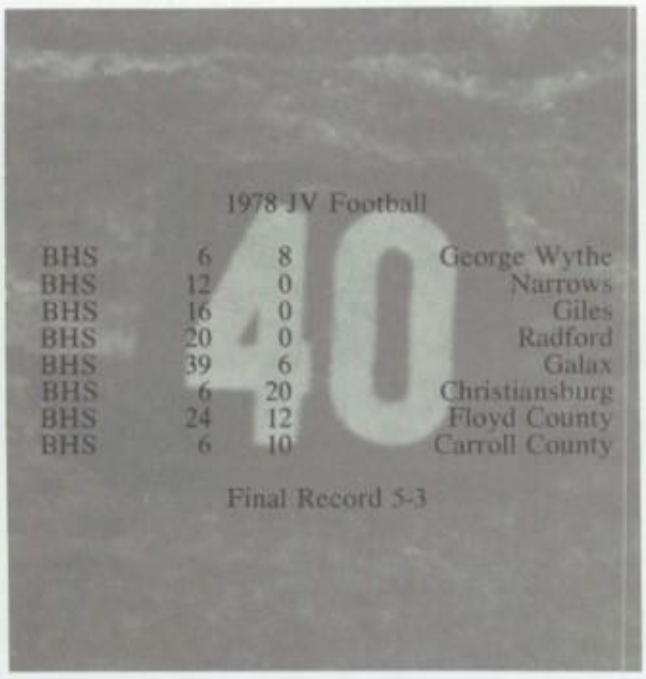
1978 Cross Country. Front: John Harman, Ben Keller, Mike Lytton, Charles Young, Brian Shipman, Vinc Petrecca. **Back:** John Litschert, Lawrence Hoffman, Andy Randall, Chris Marin, Coach Dave Rinker, Ca Schwertz, Greg Pirkle, Danny Sebolt.

Worn Out. John Litschert rests after completing a race in a home meet. Litschert finishes ninth in the district competition.

THIRTEEN MEN MOVE UP

On The Move. Quarterback Kevin Albert dashes around the end for a big gain against Radford. Albert also throws for a touchdown in the game.

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BHS 24 12 Floyd County
BHS 6 10 Carroll County
Final Record 5-3

Calling The Plan. Head Coach Bob Trear and Kevin Albert discuss during a timeout which play to call. Trear coaches the team to a 5-3 record.

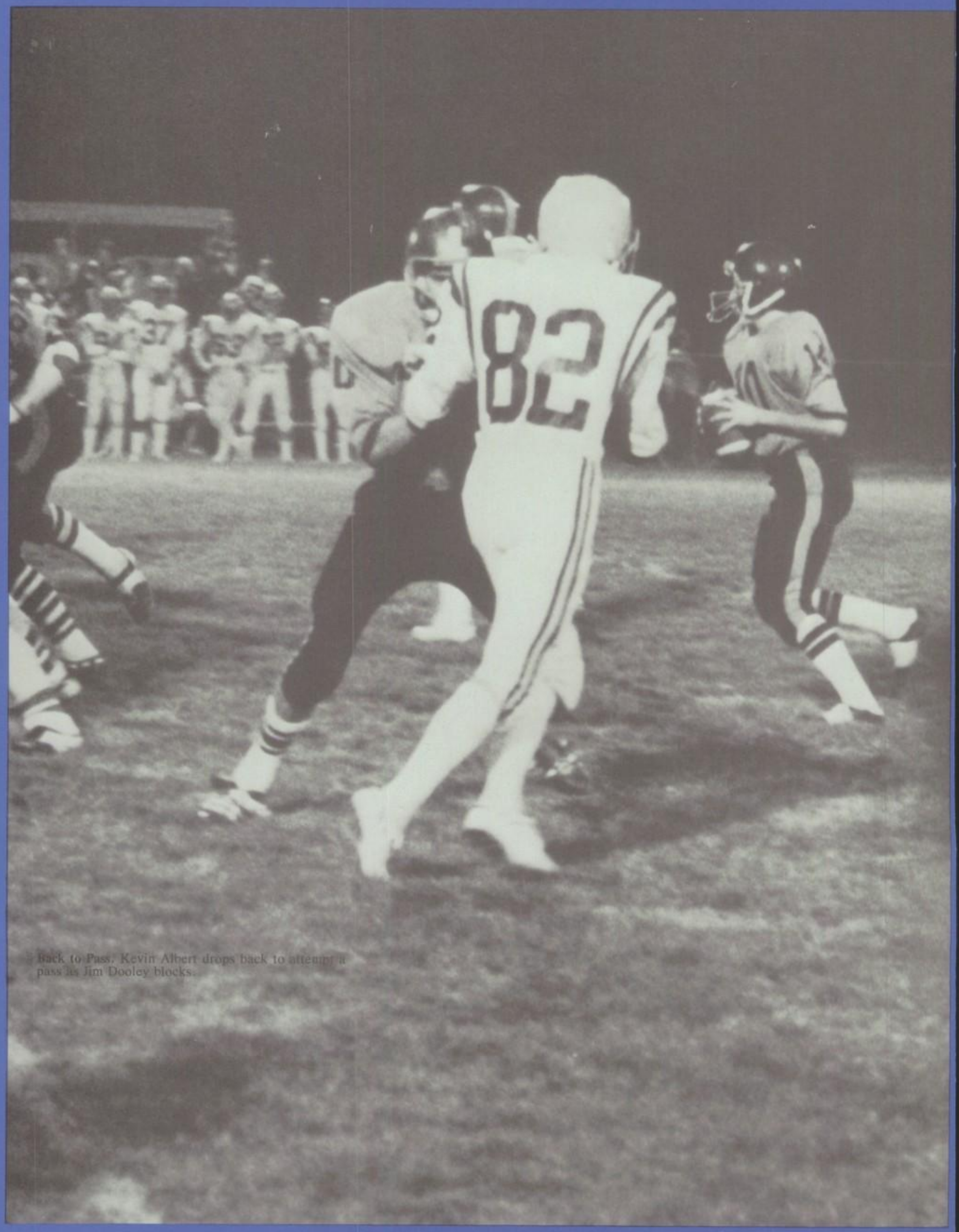
Before the 1978 season, the quality of the Junior Varsity squad was considered questionable. With thirteen sophomores being promoted to the varsity team, the group lacked the firepower needed in an unusually tough New River District.

The team got off to a slow start as it lost its opening game to George Wythe. Even with many early season injuries, the JVs fought to win their next four games by outscoring their opponents 87-6. Blacksburg then dropped into a slump as it lost two of its final three to finish the season with a 5-3 record.

Quarterback Kevin Albert and backs Jeff Criner and Jim Dooley led the offensive unit to a sixteen point per game average. As expected, the team was known for its defense which produced three shutouts during the season.

Bob Trear was head coach of the team and assisting him were Vaughn Phipps and Mike Cole.

1978 JV Football. Front: Kevin Albert, Eric Wade, Tyrone Sherman, Danny Brooks, James Dooley, Todd Steiss, Ged Moody, Kirk Herdman, Robert Fain, Donald Cromer (manager). **Second:** Jeff Shaver, Rodney Brown, Wes Burford, Keith King, Billy Graves, Jeff Bowyer, Lance Heister, Anthony Conley, Oakey McNew. **Third:** Pat Wilson, Baird Whelan, Darren Sherman, David Skelly, Troy Drewry, Raymond Frazier, Joe Cole. **Back:** Jimmy Phillips, Vernon Baker, J.B. Jones, Quintin Burch, Werner Van Damme, Greg Wesley, Tony Huffman, Lynn Pendergrass, Guy Hunter, Bruce Hamond, Greg Heafner, Tarik Badour.



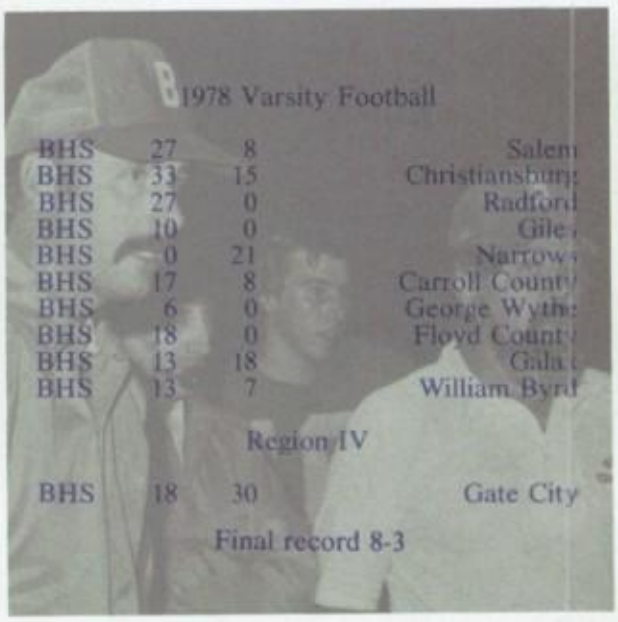
Back to Pass. Kevin Albert drops back to attempt a pass as Jim Dooley blocks.

VARSITY MOVES INTO REGIONALS

1978 Football. Front: Mackie Fitzgerald (manager), Gary Weddle, Cliv Cranwell, Eddie Sherman, Richie Brooks, Randy Kates, Darren Steiss, Tim McElwee, Anthony Wilson, Tony McGuyer, Mark Dymock, Mike Atwell, Mark Padgett, Greg Puckett, Daniel Frederick, Agustin Reyna. **Second:** Coach Dave Crist, Pat Price, Mike Coleman, Greg Keys, Lee Flowers, Eddie Bowyer, Craig Blevins, Jimmy Underwood, Matt Hankins, John Paterson, Steve Quesenberry, Joel Worley, Wes Cranwell, Ken Inger, Frank Hale, Robert Houska, Donnie Cromer, Coach Paul Bowyer, Coach Bill Winfrey. **Third:** Coach Bill Brown, Coach Bob Holland, Bill Christopher, Robert Martin, Doug Stewart, Randall Burch, Greg Polan, Mike Hall, Jerome Moore, Rick Louthan, Jamie Bollinger, Bobby Whitlock, Robert VandeVuurst, Mack Carson, Scutter Lowe, Glenn Huffman (manager), Coach Dave Davis, Athletic Trainer Craig Johnson. **Back:** Billy Akers, Allen Hale, Chris Porter, Erik McNair, Phillip Shotts, David McMahan, Billy Myers, J.B. Obenchain, Rodney Buchanan, Greg Cadzow, Kevin Clevenger, Brian Camper, Monte Matusevich, Mark Hill, Jeff Davis (manager).

Honored At Banquet. At the Fall Sports Banquet Robert Houska, Randy Kates, Jimmy Underwood, John Paterson, Mark Dymock, and Tony McGuyer are recognized for outstanding performances.

Closing In. Defensive backs Richie Brooks and Randy Kates break into the backfield to tackle a Narrows runner in the homecoming game. An excellent defensive team leads Blacksburg to an 8-3 record.


1978 Varsity Football
BHS 27 8 Salem
BHS 33 15 Christiansburg
BHS 27 0 Radford
BHS 10 0 Giles
BHS 0 21 Narrows
BHS 17 8 Carroll County
BHS 6 0 George Wythe
BHS 18 0 Floyd County
BHS 13 18 Galax
BHS 13 7 William Byrd
Region IV
BHS 18 30 Gate City
Final record 8-3

The 1978 Football team started the season with a tough act to follow. Even after losing twenty-four seniors off the 1977 state championship team, many people expected the Indians to sweep through the district and possibly repeat as state AA champs. Although the district competition was the strongest it had been in years, most polls picked the Indians at least to win the district.

Blacksburg opened the season with a forceful start as the team raced to a 3-0 record with wins over AAA foe Salem, Christiansburg, and archrival Radford. The Indians appeared to be invincible as star fullback Mark Dymock tallied 339 yards and seven touchdowns in the first three games. But during the Radford game, Dymock injured his calf, an injury that would follow him for the remainder of the season. With Dymock sidelined and quarterback Gary Weddle out with the flu, the Indians struggled to a 10-0 win over Giles.

The following week, Blacksburg suffered its first defeat. The Narrows Green Wave entered the contest unbeaten and

HARD WORK PAYS OFF

unscored upon and outplayed the ailing Indians for a 21-0 win. After the game a disappointed head coach Dave Crist stated, "We just got beat. There are no two ways about it."

The Indians then traveled to Carroll County to play out a tie for second place in the district. After a slow first half Blacksburg rallied to win 17-8 but Dymock reinjured his calf and did not see action for the rest of the regular season.

In the following weeks, the Indians struggled to win over George Wythe and Floyd County with Eddie Sherman and Mike Coleman picking up the slack for the injured Dymock. After a disappointing loss at the hands of Galax, the injury-plagued Indians had only a slim chance of advancing to the Region IV playoffs. For the first time, two teams from the New River District would be allowed to compete in the regional playoff. But the Indians would have to win their final game against William Byrd, and Radford would have to lose to Narrows for the Indians to move into the regionals. Blacksburg nipped William Byrd 13-7 and Narrows defeated Radford.

Gate City would be the Indians' first opponent in their state title defense. Even with the return of Dymock and a fourth quarter rally, the Gate City "Cannonball Express" proved to be too much for the Indians. Fullback Ricky Gibson rushed for 174 yards and led his team to a 30-18 win.

At the Blacksburg High School Fall Sports Banquet the following awards were presented: Best Offensive Lineman, center John Paterson; Best Defensive Back, linebacker Randy Kates; Best Defensive Lineman, end Robert Houska; 110% Award, Tony McGuyer; Honorary Co-Captains, Jimmy Underwood and Mark Dymock. Dymock was also chosen as the outstanding Blacksburg High School football player, as he rushed for 3,377 yards and twenty-nine touchdowns in his high school career. Defensive Coach Bill Brown was presented a plaque in recognition of having coached 300 Blacksburg games. At the banquet, Coach Crist complimented the team with, "The players were the hardest working crew we ever had."

Head Coach Dave Crist was assisted by Paul Bowyer, Dave Davis, Bill Winfrey, Bob Holland, Bill Brown, and athletic trainer Craig Johnson.

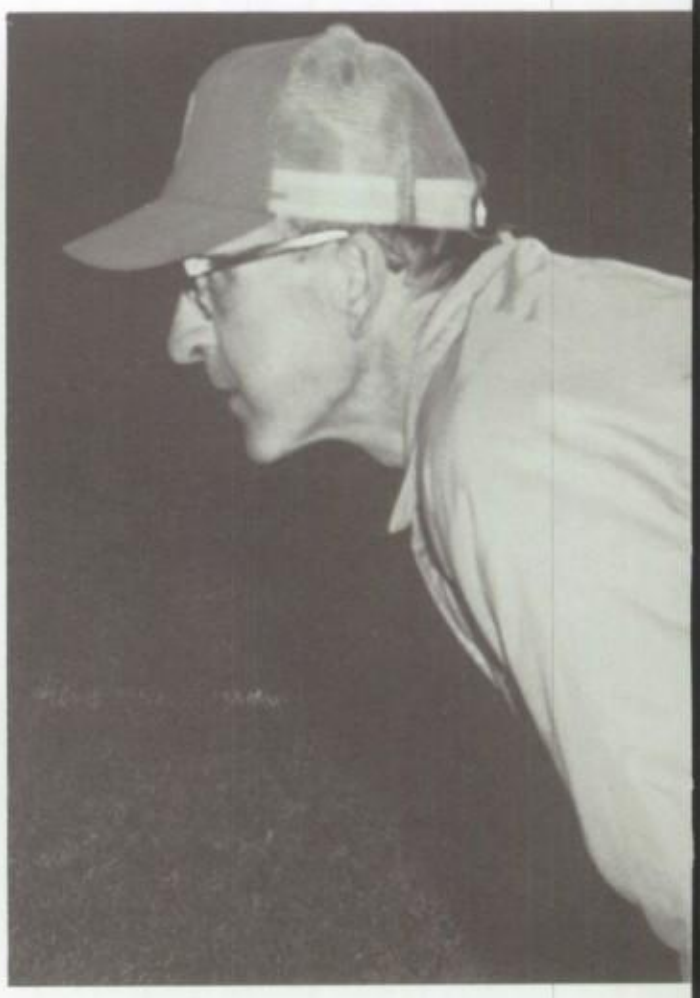
High Spirit. The players show their spirit before the big game with Radford. The Indians defeat their archrival 27-0.

Almost Blocked. Bill Christopher and Robert Houska attempt to block a Narrows' punt.

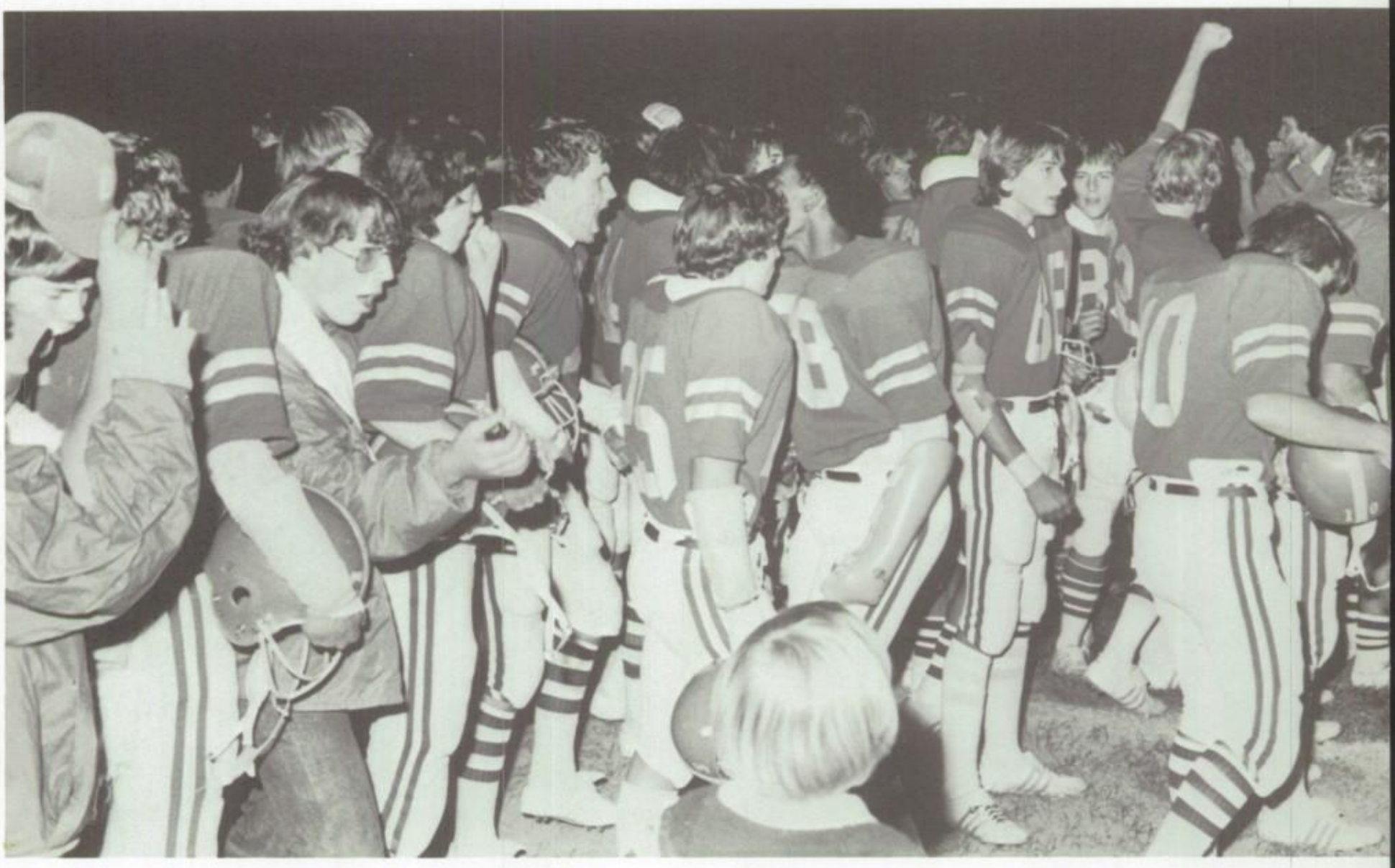
Head-On. Randy Kates makes a head-on tackle against Radford's Kent Hall as Bill Christopher watches.

INDIANS END WITH 8-3 RECORD

Anticipation. Several Blacksburg players watch with hopeful anticipation as the Indians take the field against Narrows, as shown with special effects.



300 Games. Defensive Coach Bill Brown celebrates h 300th game, as a coach as Blacksburg High School, with win over George Wythe.



Celebration. Indian players celebrate on the sidelines during the Narrows game. Blacksburg finds little to cheer about after the game as the district winning Green Wave hands the Blacksburg team a 21-0 defeat.

1979 Boys' Indoor Track. Front: Greg Wesley, David Shotts, John Litschert, Clark Strickland, Chris Marin, Carl Schwertz, Charles Young, Michael Lytton, Brian Shipman. **Second:** Billy Akers, Allan Wolf, Quintin Burch, Troy Purcell, John Harman, Vincent Petrecca, Ethan Lenker, Jeff Bowyer. **Third:** Buck Matherly, Art Mook, Chris Bircher, Anthony Conley, Todd Steiss, Mike Crump, Peter Ifju, Mike Hawkins, Lawrence Hoffman. **Back:** Mike Jones, Mark Fennell, Eddie Bowyer, Darren Steiss, Eddie Sherman, Monte Matusevich, Mark Matusevich, Mike Coleman, Doug Stewart.

1979 Girls' Indoor Track. Front: Cairole Troutman, Tammy Linkous, Cybele Daley, Lisa Saville, Cindy Kornegay, Heather Hoskisson. **Middle:** Pam Goldsmith, Jean Isani, Julie McMurray, April Montgomery, Sandy Collins, Sue Dellers, Catherine Lile. **Back:** Susan Edmonds, Pam Schmidt, Barbara Krutchkoff, Melissa Dymock, Kristen Saacke, Kathy Inger.

JOINT EFFORT GUARANTEES SUCCESS

The boys' team breezed to an easy district title as the Indians outclassed their nearest competitor by 78 points.

In the regional competition the boys' team edged out Virginia High 103 to 99.

Mike Hawkins placed sixth in the long jump in the state meet. The 800 meter relay team placed third in the state.

At the annual Winter Sports Banquet, Mike Hawkins was awarded the most valuable field performer award. Eddie Sherman was chosen as most valuable runner.

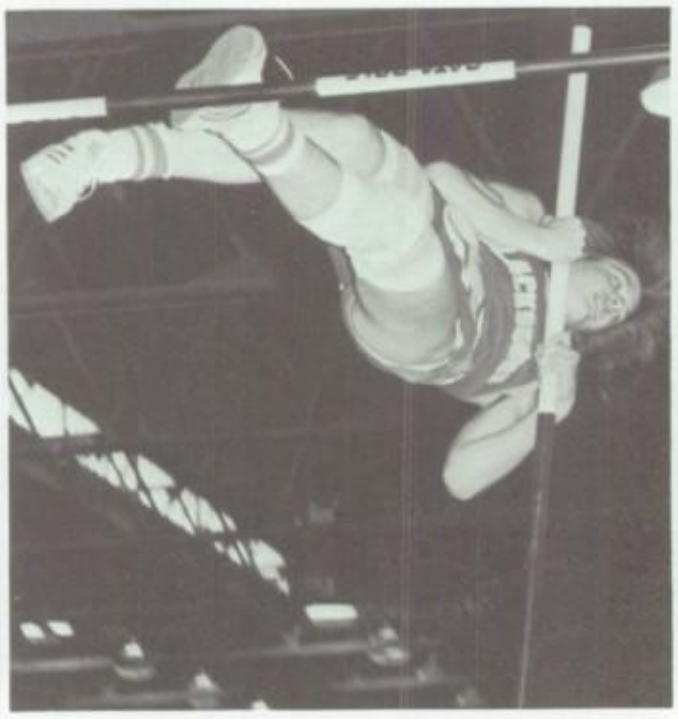
The girls' team won the district title as it dominated the competition, winning eight of twelve events. Winners were Kristen Saacke, long jump; Melissa Dymock, 55 meter hurdles; Valerie Roback, 1600 meters; Sue Dellers, 500 meters; and Pam Goldsmith, 3200 meters. Blacksburg also won the 1600 meter relay.

In regional competition, the girls' team finished second to Virginia High.

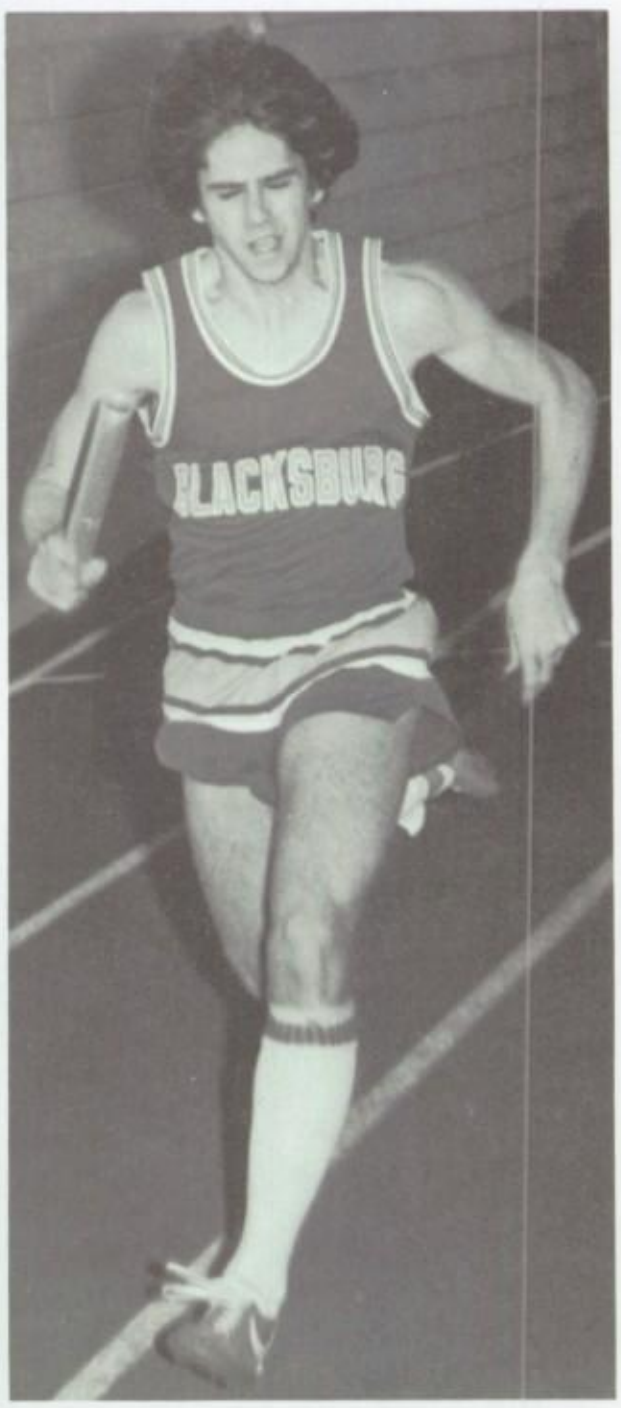
There was no state competition for girls this season.

Strenuous. Mike Hawkins strains to keep his balance in the long jump. Hawkins places sixth in the state with a 20' 5½" jump.

Not enough. Pole vaulter Quintin Burch fails at an attempt at 10' 6". Burch wins second place in regionals with a 10' vault.



Effort. Eddie Bowyer turns on the speed during a relay at Lexington.



GYMNASTS DOMINATE REGION IV

BHS gymnasts started the 1979 season early. Not allowed to compete as a team until November 1978, the girls spent last fall diligently working out and preparing for competition. Gymnasts ran a mile a day and lifted weights whenever possible to build strength.

When the season finally began, practices were held after school, and the team worked under the supervision of Coach Bob Holland. Compulsory routines were dispensed with as part of a state-wide reform; so the girls immediately started trying new moves to be used in their optional routines.

The team was an extremely experienced one, with seven people returning from last year. In its first meet with Christiansburg, Blacksburg swept the awards, taking first place in every category.

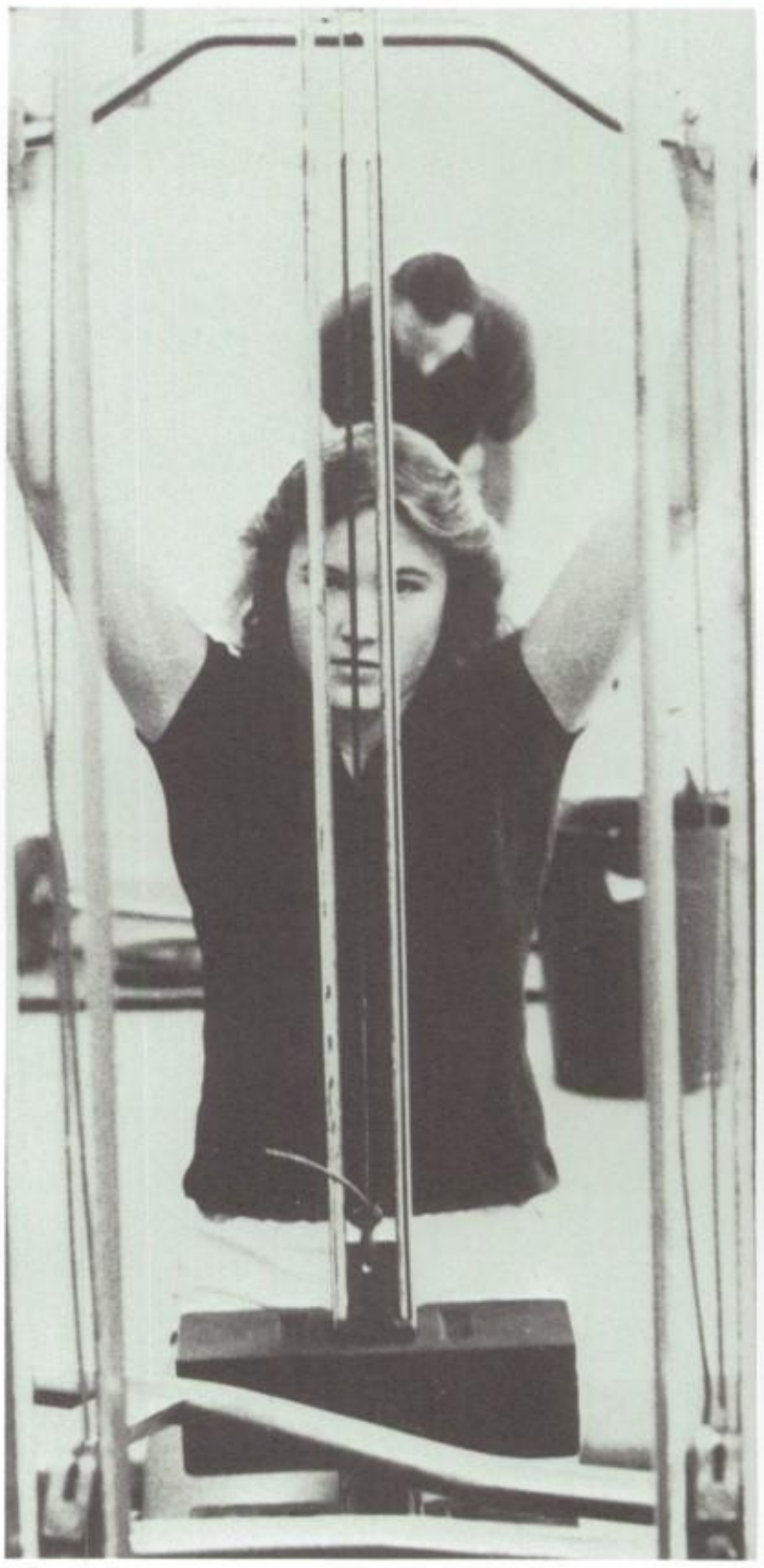
The next meet was against Jefferson Forest, second in Region III, and a very difficult team to beat. However, the team came through the test with flying colors, taking three firsts and whipping Jefferson Forest by seven points.

In its third meet, BHS met with Brookville, the team that had given Blacksburg its only defeat the season before. With a mighty effort on everybody's part, though, BHS edged Brookville, 74-72.

Blacksburg finished the season with victories in a meet with William Byrd and in a dual meet with Christiansburg and Carroll County.

At regionals, Blacksburg again met with Christiansburg and Carroll County. The team successfully dominated the region, its only concessions being second place in bars and floor exercise, to Carroll County's Ginger Hanks and Lisa Martin, respectively. Sending six people to state competition in Falmouth, BHS was declared district and Region IV champs for the sixth year in a row.

Competition at state was fierce. All girls on the state team competed at their best, and the team took eighth place in a field of twenty-two competitors.

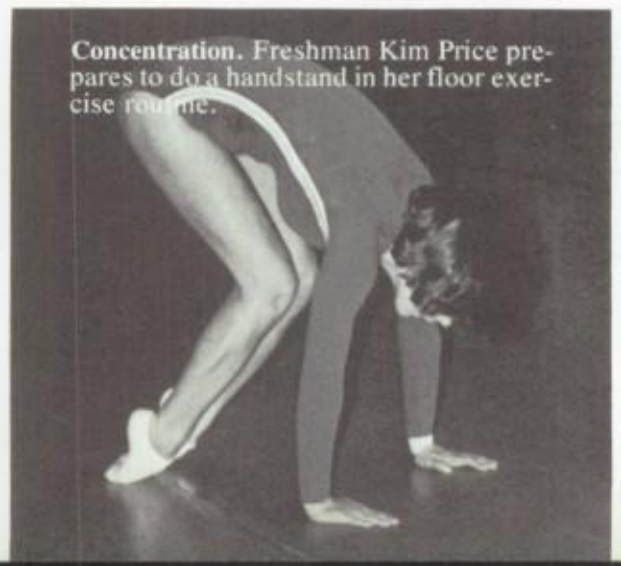


The incredible hulk. Susie Houska works out on the Universal, building muscles. Cartwheels require strong arms!

State Team. Front: Suzanne Schmidt, bars; Lisa Eaton, beam. **Back:** Katy Mason, vault; Jennifer Dye, floor; Lynn Tilley, vault; Susie Houska, beam.

Kip. Team captain Katy Mason goes into a kip on the unevens in a meet with William Byrd.

Team. Rita Johnston, Rhonda Slusser, Katy Mason, Becky Marsh, Sheila Reyna, (mgr.) **Middle:** Suzanne Schmidt, Lisa Eaton, Susie Houska, Lynn Tilley, Jennifer Dye, Kim Price, Coach Holland. **Back:** Mary Sword, Anne Roth, Karen Long.



Concentration. Freshman Kim Price prepares to do a handstand in her floor exercise routine.

Gymnastics 1979

BHS	63.1	29.6	Christiansburg
BHS	68.0	61.0	Jefferson Forest
BHS	74.0	72.0	Brookville
BHS	75.25	55.2	William Byrd
BHS	72.25	42.4	Christiansburg
		44.55	Carroll County

Final record 5-0

Regionals

BHS	73.75	35.65	Christiansburg
		24.90	Carroll County

State — Eighth Place

JVS' SPIRIT INFECTIOUS

The Junior Varsity cheerleading squad organized itself and began regular practice early in the summer. The cheerleaders met four times a week for practice sessions.

In August, the squad attended the Golden Eagle Cheerleading Camp at Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Virginia. Performance evaluations were given every night, and the JVs received excellent, outstanding, and superior ratings. The JVs and the Varsity squad were joint winners of the first place award and the Spirit Megaphone.

After camp, the squad "watered" the JV football team twice a day, at the end of morning and evening practices. Games began very shortly after the school year started and the JV players were given a party every Wednesday before a game. On Thursdays, the squad made locker signs with candy on them for the team. The girls also worked out a disco routine with the Varsity squad to disco hits like "Shame" and "Boogie Oogie Oogie."

To make money for uniforms, the JVs sold programs at all home games. The squad rounded out its duties by working to create a sense of school spirit at pep rallies and cheering the team to victory at games.

Watering. Sophomore Patti-Anne Barranco and freshman Dede Brown get ready to water the JV football team after its morning summer practice. The cheerleaders are fixing water and Kool-Aid for the hot, exhausted players.

Behind the Team. The 1978-79 JV Cheerleading Squad beams with spirit for its picture. **Front:** Kari Hancock, Dede Brown. **Back:** Rena Kaplan, Laura Berry, Tarenne Epley, Jenny Price, Patti-Anne Barranco, Anne Mason.

Mixed Emotions. The excitement of cheering at Homecoming is tainted for JV cheerleaders Jenny Price and Anne Mason as they see Narrows taking victory.

CHEERLEADERS INSPIRE VICTORY

Onward Indians. Welcoming the Varsity football team into the pep rally, cheerleaders' enthusiasm stirs the student body to great excitement.

The 1978 Varsity Cheerleading Squad: Robin Comer, Denise Snell, Melissa Maybury, Cammie Dugger, Kelly Bellas, Sylvia Ruiz, Toy Dugger, and Barbara Skutt. Responsible for encouraging school spirit, the cheerleaders put in long hours on buses travelling to games, making people tags, and practicing cheers. Cheerleading duties begin the summer after the squad is selected and continue through the spring of the next year.

In Charge. Captain of the Varsity squad, Denise Snell, shoulders responsibility for all the cheerleaders' activities and keeps everything running smoothly.

The duties of the 1978-1979 Varsity Cheerleaders officially began after spring tryouts. Practices were held every day for two weeks before camp and two times a week during the rest of summer. The squad, with the assistance of the JV cheerleaders, watered the Varsity football team at the summer practices twice a day. Also with the JV squad, the cheerleaders went to the Golden Eagle Cheerleading Camp in Bristol, Virginia. (One of the famous instructors at the camp in years past was Kylene Barker, the present Miss America from Galax.) Both squads were joint winners of the first place trophy and the 1978 Spirit Megaphone.

When the school session started, cheerleaders immediately began planning pep rallies. The Varsity and JV squads prepared a disco routine for the pep rallies and decided to write a different routine for the basketball season.

Because Radford was the Indians' toughest opponent the cheerleaders planned something special to arouse school spirit. At the pep rally before the Radford game, the cheerleaders let hundreds of colorful balloons float upward into the crowded bleachers, as the cheerleaders threw candy into the stands.

Cheerleaders continued to sponsor hops throughout the year and made locker tags for Varsity football team members to offer inspiration before each game. They also made spirit buttons and held parties for the team on Thursdays where cheerleaders served cookies and snacks.

After working hard all year to promote pep rallies and games, the spring brought more duties. The year was concluded at cheerleading tryouts where the squad taught new girls jumps and different cheers.

Cheerleaders do more than cheer. Junior Sylvia Ruiz, besides being an active member of the varsity cheerleading squad, also serves on the BHS Student Council. Sylvia sells Tootsie Rolls, bubblegum, and fire balls in the Student Council room during her lunch period.

Human Pyramid. Toy Dugger and Sylvia Ruiz get a boost from Robin Comer and Barbara Skutt before they slide into their splits; Captain Denise Snell completes the pyramid.

Eyes Riveted On The Field. Senior Kelly Bellas watches the game intently, hoping for a touchdown.

Congratulations. Denise Snell congratulates Randy Kates, winner of the "Mr. Football" contest. The Latin Club sponsors the contest during Homecoming Week.

Good Luck. The cheerleaders fix cakes with a "good luck" message written in M & M's for the varsity football players before the Gate City game.

GIRLS TAKE FIRST REGION TITLE

Only in its third year of existence, the girls' volleyball team started training with a vengeance. The team practiced skill drills, worked on game strategy, and participated in inter-squad scrimmages. Coach Chris Tsitsiragos gave endurance and fitness tests to players. The girls did sit-ups and fingertip pushups, jumped rope, and jumped against walls to reach maximum height.

The team was very experienced. Half the team, eight of sixteen members, returned from last year, and five of those eight made 1979 their third year on the squad. This experience proved invaluable to the team in its matches. More seasoned players also were able to coach the rookies and give them advice on difficult shots.

Bronie Reynolds and Lynne Collins were made team captains. Under their guidance, the girls swept past other district teams and dominated old rivals, including Radford and Giles. The team competed in the Radford Invitational and defeated Virginia High, Lord Botetourt, and Radford to win the tournament for the second year in a row.

The first game of the season was against Giles, the only team to beat Blacksburg in regular season in 1978. Blacksburg whipped Giles 15-9, 15-3. The girls' volleyball team continued to play well in matches against Narrows, George Wythe, and Christiansburg.

Archrival Radford was downed by the Indians in an exciting game by a score of 15-3, 15-9. After that psychological victory, the Indians gained momentum and crushed Carroll County, 15-1, 15-6. For the rest of the season, it was smooth sailing for Blacksburg, who left defeated teams trailing in its wake.

At regionals, BHS beat John Battle and then snatched the Region IV title from defending champion Virginia High.

Set. Debbie Byrd practices setting the ball in her warm-up before a home game while Amy Sanchez learns from observation.

Places! Blacksburg team members position themselves in front of the net before the beginning of a game with Floyd.

Girls' Volleyball 1979. Front: Amy Eller, Diane Burleson, Kay Robinson, Lynne Collins, Laura Zelazny, Frances Price, Debbie Byrd, Sara Wortman. **Back:** Bronie Reynolds, Angie Sheppard, Cathy Munson, Lori Cathey, Kris Leighton, Amy Sanchez, Andrea Colley, Debbie Brusseau.

Bump! Senior Kay Robinson bumps the ball over the net in a game with Giles. The Indians defeat the Spartans, 15-13, 14-10.

Now, here's what I want you to do. Team coach Chris Tsitsiragos clues her team on the strengths and weaknesses of their opponents.

Volleyball 1979

BHS	15-9, 15-3	Giles
BHS	15-6, 15-10	Narrows
BHS	15-10, 15-6	George Wythe
BHS	15-5, 15-3	Christiansburg
BHS	15-3, 15-9	Radford
BHS	15-1, 15-6	Carroll County
BHS	15-10, 15-6	Floyd
BHS	15-7, 15-5	Narrows
BHS	15-13, 14-10	Giles
BHS	15-6, 9-13, 10-4	George Wythe
BHS	15-5, 15-3	Galax
BHS	15-8, 15-8	Christiansburg
BHS	15-7, 15-11	Radford
BHS	15-8, 15-4	Carroll County
BHS	15-11, 15-3	Floyd

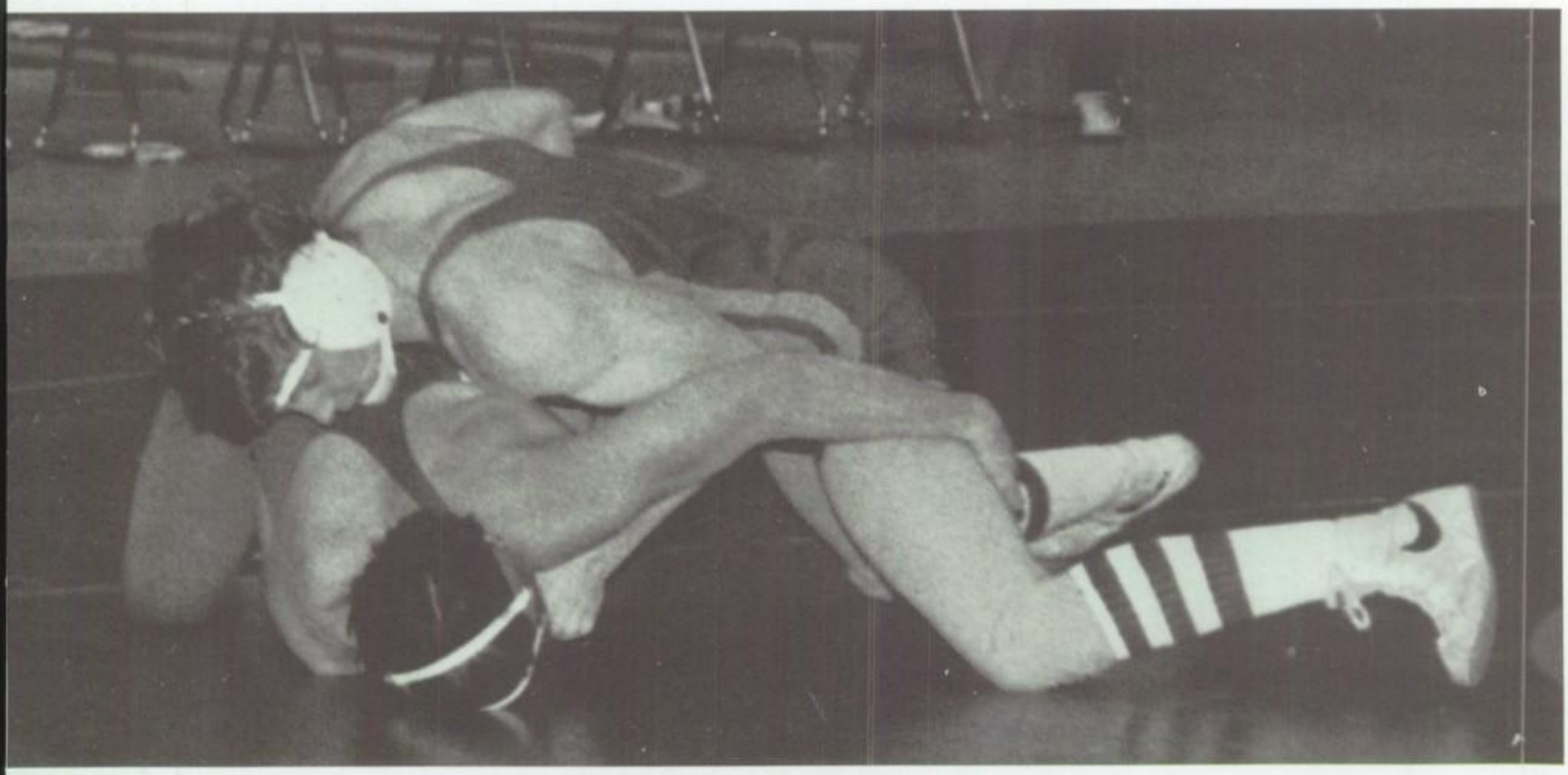
Final record 15-0

Radford Invitational

BHS	15-12, 12-15, 17-15	Virginia High
BHS	15-6, 14-11	Lord Botetourt
BHS	15-8, 15-8	Radford

Regionals

BHS	11-14, 15-12, 14-11	John Battle
BHS	11-14, 15-13, 13-11	Virginia High



On the mat, again. Junior Robert Houska takes down his opponent from Christiansburg in the 155 pound weight class in a home match. Blacksburg loses this meet by a score of 35-29. Houska goes on to finish the season undefeated in district meets.

GRAPPLERS HAVE REBUILDING YEAR

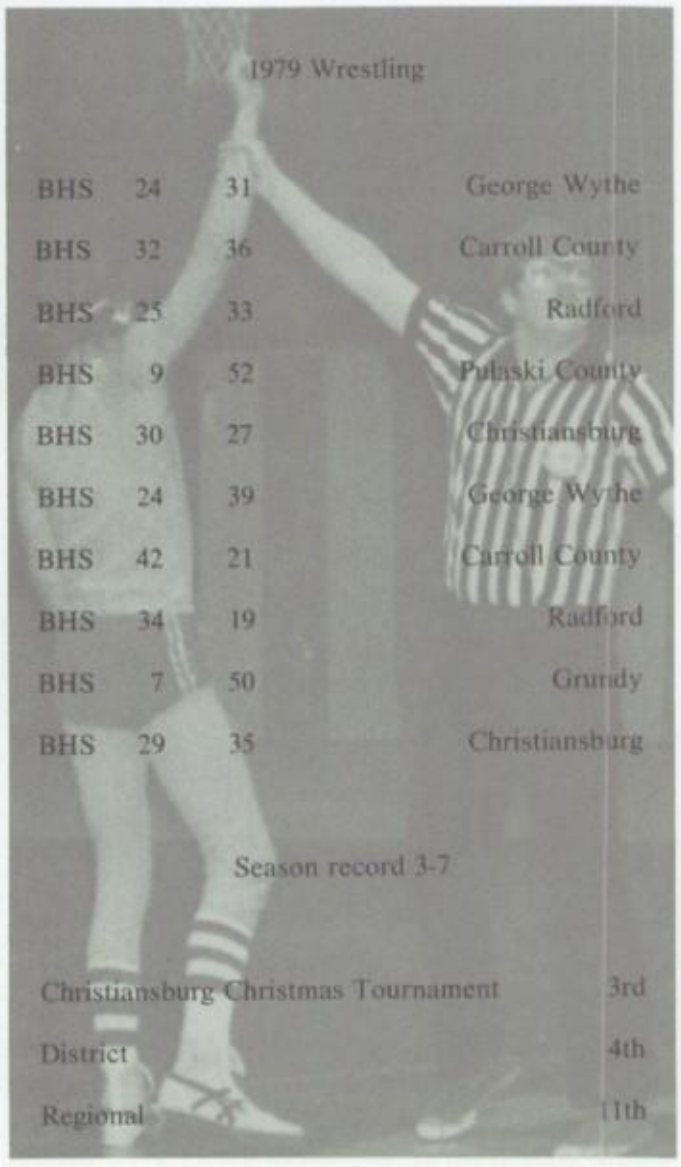
1979 Wrestling. Front: Dave Rockey, Eric Teske, Mark Hoskisson, Chris Porter, Gary Akers, Robert Hennessee. **Middle:** Ervin Cragett, Robert Houska, Karl Burns, Allen Hale, Rodney Brown, Orlando Salinas, Jeff Shaver. **Back:** Billy Saric, Gary Buss, Brooks Johnston, Matt Hankins, Mack Carson, Joe Munson.

The wrestling team finished with a disappointing 3-7 overall record. The grapplers were led by two juniors — Doug Rockey, who finished the season undefeated, and Robert Houska who was undefeated in district matches.

In the district meet, the Indians captured fourth place. Winners for BHS were Allen Hale at 138, and three-time district champion Doug Rockey at 119. Radford won the meet with George Wythe and Christiansburg finishing in front of the Indians.

Blacksburg finished eleventh in the regional competition. Allen Hale placed second in his weight class; Doug Rockey place third; and Mark Hoskisson finished fourth.

The team was instructed by first-year coach Frank Moseley.



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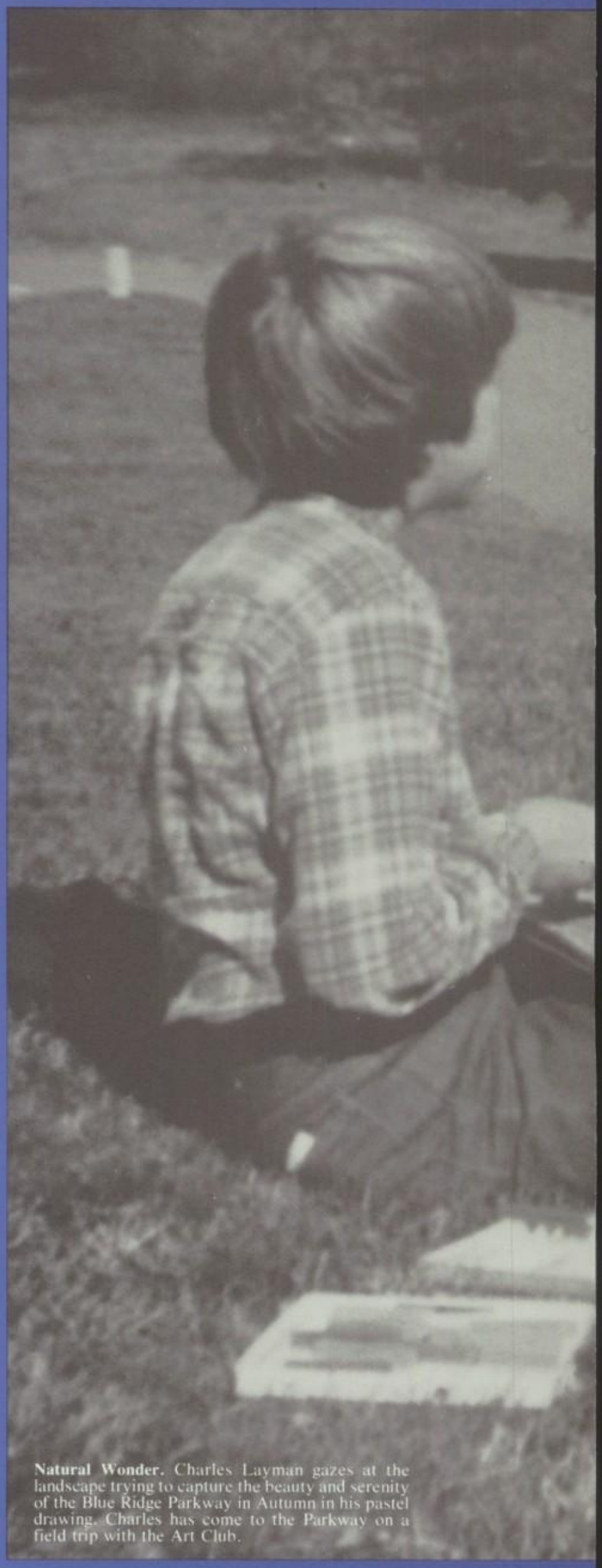
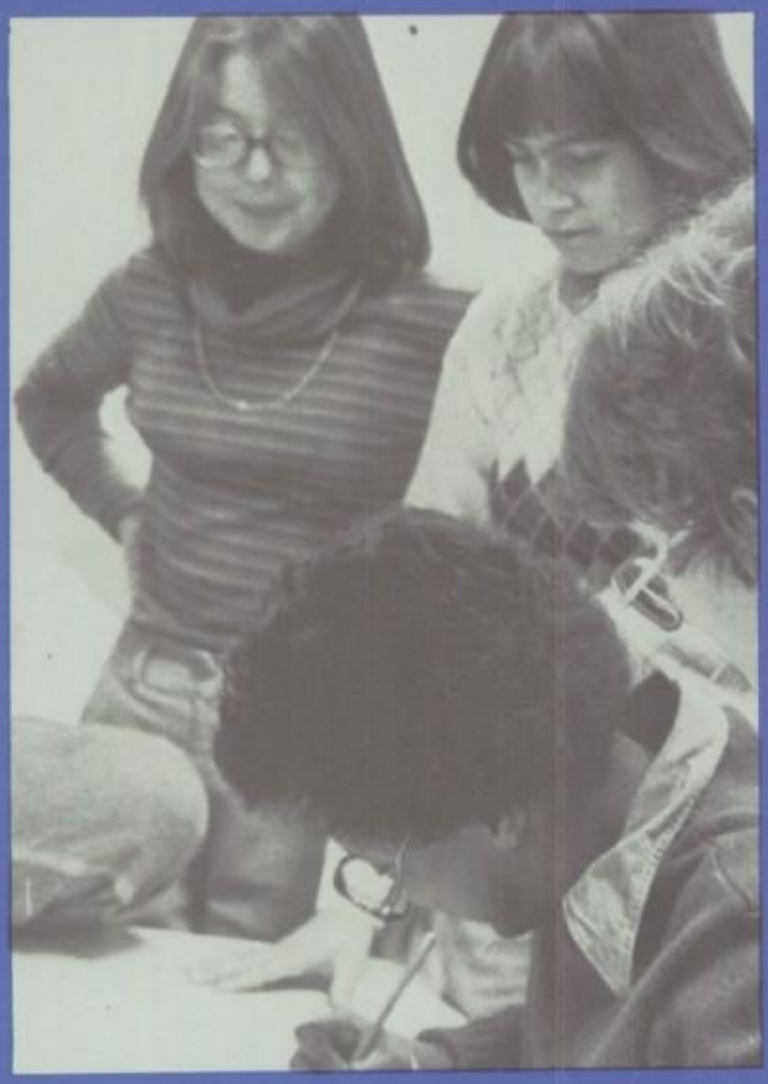
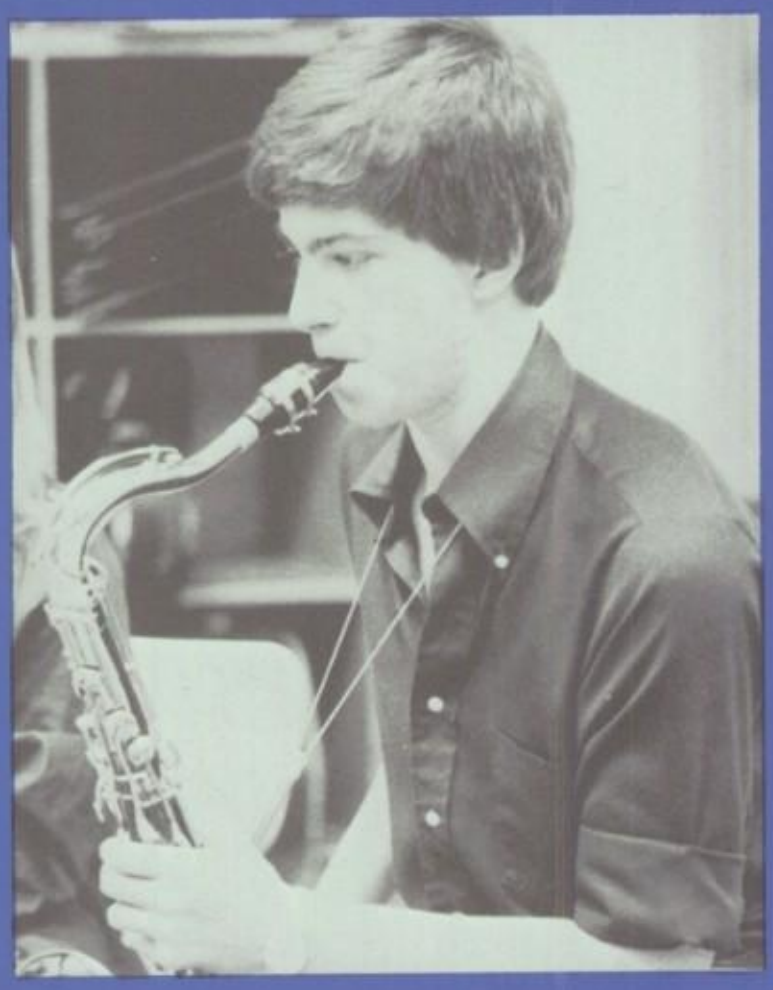


Natural Wonder. Charles Layman gazes at the landscape trying to capture the beauty and serenity of the Blue Ridge Parkway in Autumn in his pastel drawing. Charles has come to the Parkway on a field trip with the Art Club.

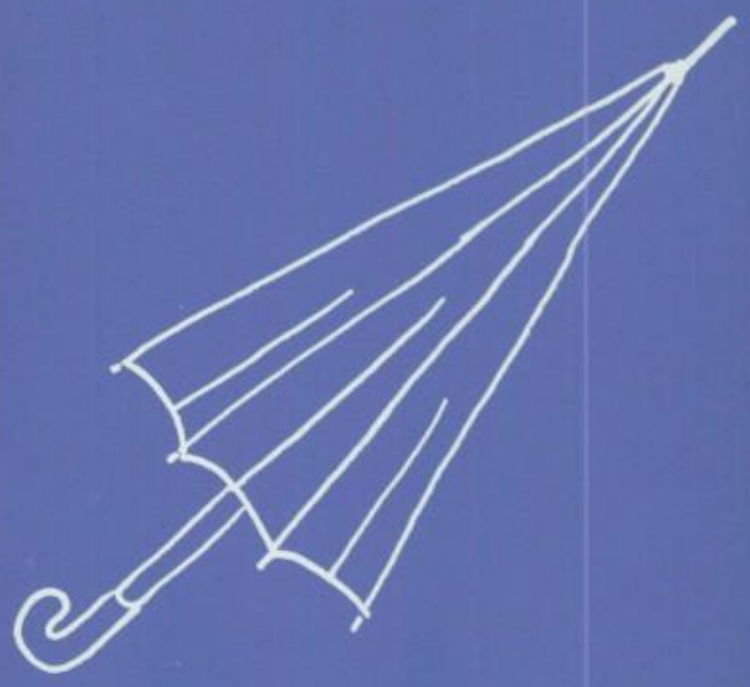
Creative Advertising. Diane Eaves designs an ad for the **Tattle Tale** while Lisa Onega, Jean Isani, and Joel Gibbs give helpful advice. Before publication of each issue Denise and Diane Eaves sell ads to various stores in the community to help finance the student newspaper.





In preparation. David Slayton practices on his saxaphone for the field show in the coming football game. Band members support the football team by traveling to all of the games during the football season and playing at half time.

Though school organizations could not survive without faculty support, the bulk of the responsibility for keeping the clubs active fell on the members, enabling them to gain experience in the organizing and executing of group projects.



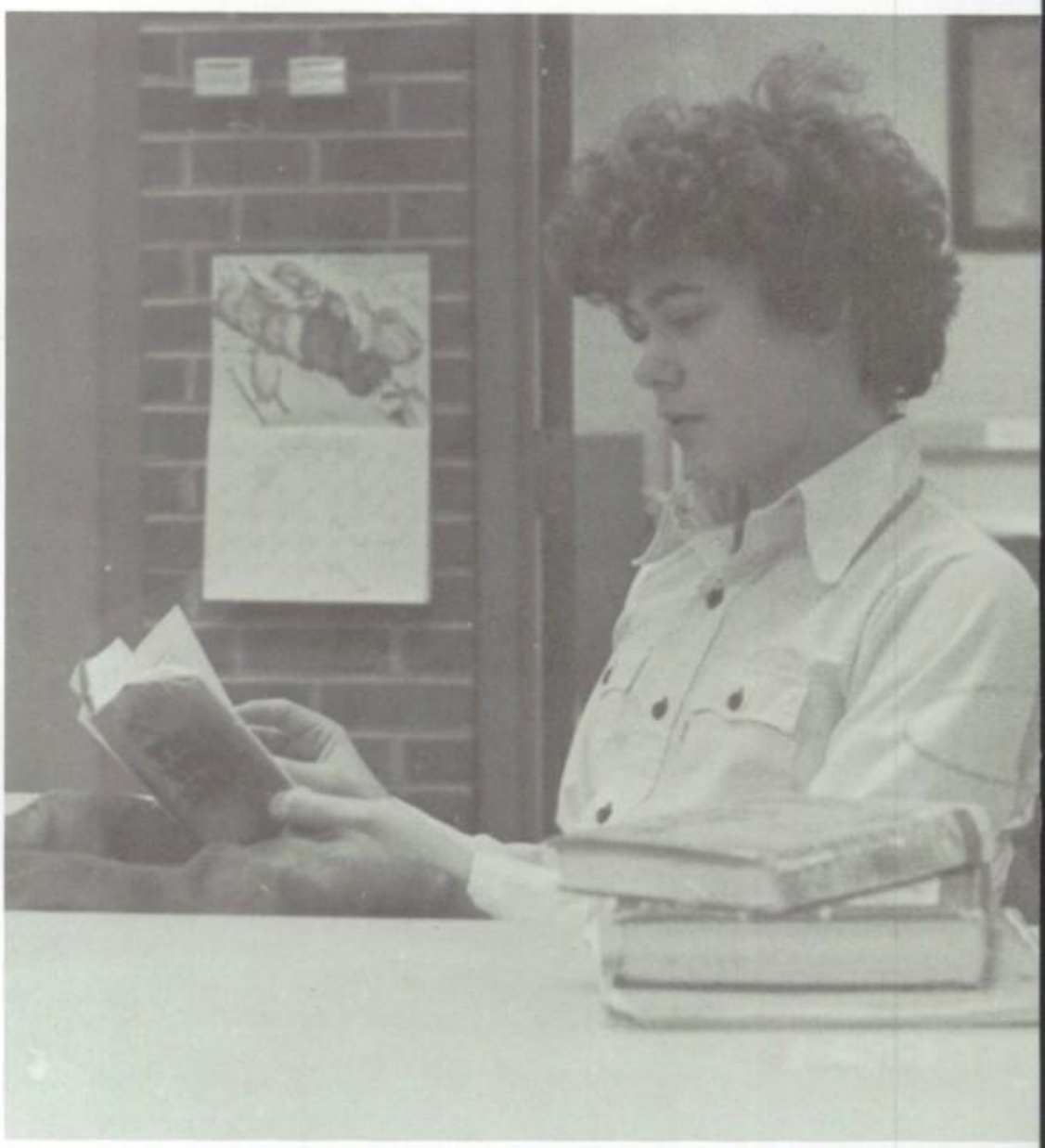
Clubs Come to Life After the Rains

Clubs at Blacksburg High School wasted no time in formulating many new ideas for the up-coming school year. After last year, students seemed eager to unite in order to undertake the new projects. Students who attended dances could appreciate the effort which clubs put into making each dance a success. Several organizations worked throughout the year to raise money so that members could travel, for both educational and recreational trips.

Guest speakers were invited by several clubs that wanted to learn more about the arts and sciences, and cultures from around the globe. Other clubs used the talents of their members in order to present the school with first-class entertainment. Music programs, variety shows, movies, and plays were enjoyed by the student body.

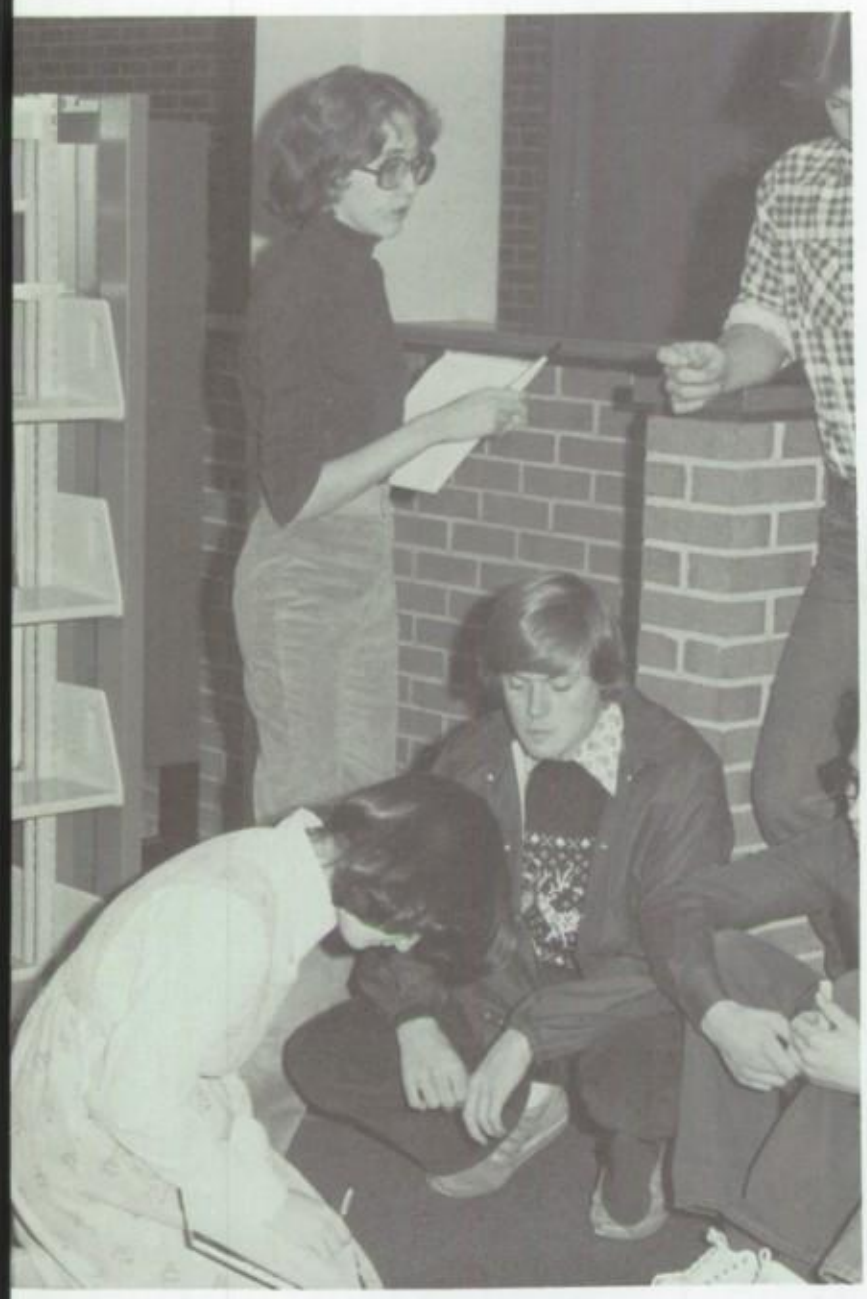
Service was also a major responsibility for clubs. Organizations such as March of Dimes and Easter Seal benefited from donations made possible by BHS students. Activities of the clubs benefited the faculty and students as well.

The involvement in clubs brought together students whose shared experiences were something not easily forgotten.



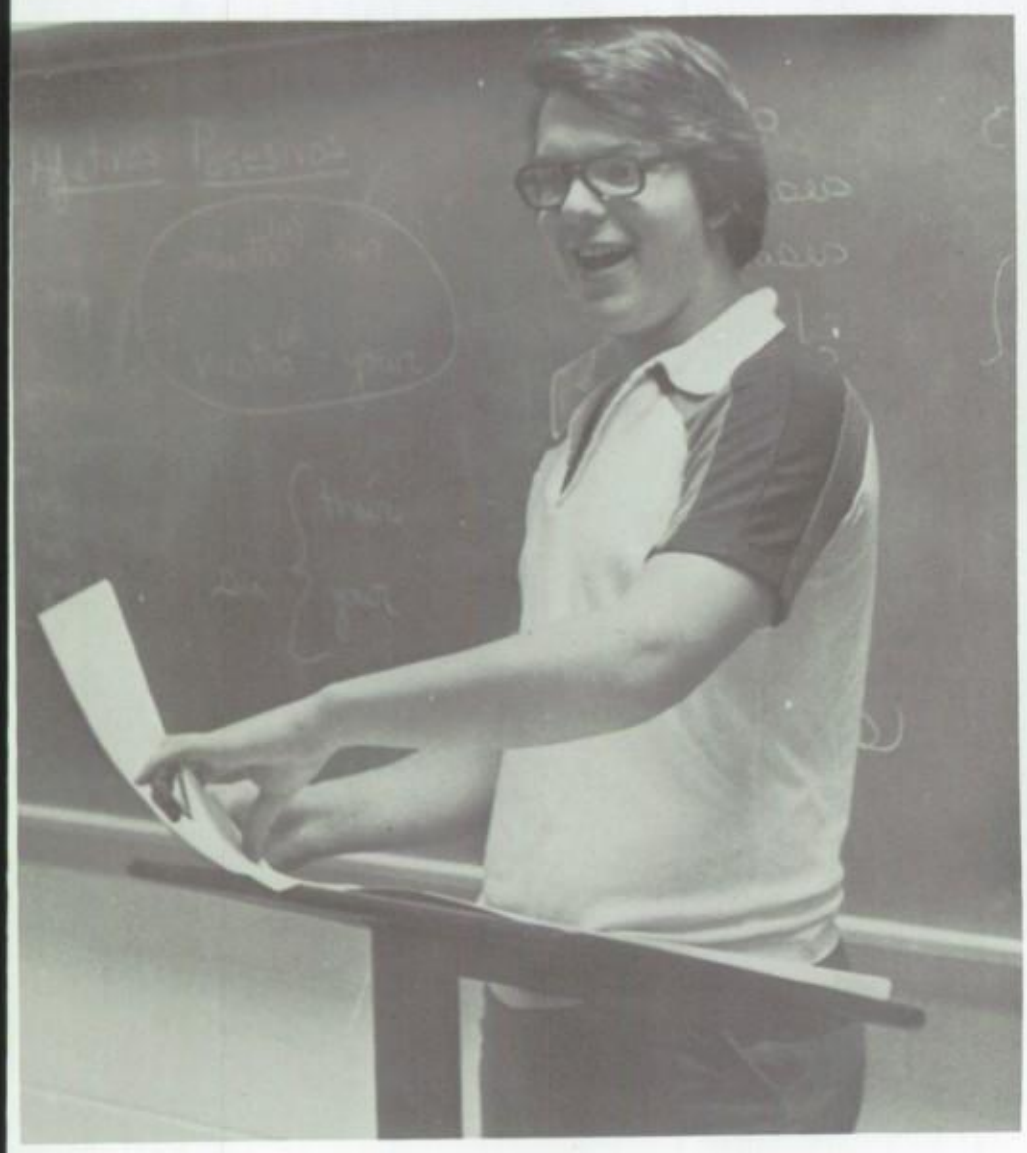
On the Job. Robert Donathan, a member of the Library Club, works behind the desk, helping students check out books. When the library isn't busy he enjoys reading on his own.

Teacher Takes a Turn. Miss Clayton attempts to strike the pinata during a combination French Club and Spanish Club party while Barbara Tillman and Charlie Barnett offer encouragement.



Recording the names of ICT students are **Pow Wow** staff members Glenell Carson and Rebecca DeBusk. Club picture days may be hectic, but they give the girls a chance to become familiar with names and faces.

Back to the drawing board. Second year drafting student, Donna Whitaker, completes an assignment in which she applies techniques learned in class.



Relating the requirements. At the National Honor Society induction assembly, Amy Sanchez lights the candle representing Character, a quality required for NHS membership.

Addressing the crowd. Forensics competitor Paul Williams, whose category is poetry reading, sharpens his delivery skills by attending after-school workshops.

The Men Behind the Scenes

Stage Crew. Front: Mike Bame. **Second:** Buck Matherly, Bruce Harrison. **Third:** Greg Pirkle, Charlie Barnett. **Back:** Ronnie Saacke.

The BHS stage crew may only have been known as the guys who missed that cue or who didn't focus the movie right. However their skills far outnumbered their minor mistakes.

The BHS stage crew was responsible for almost all the sounds, lights, and technical aspects of most of the assemblies, pep rallies, plays, and hops presented.

Also for the student body's enjoyment the crew sponsored the movie **The Shakiest Gun in the West.**

Lights, Camera, Action. Bruce Harrison, a stage crew member, operates the spotlight from the upper balcony of the auditorium.

The handy man. Charlie Barnett, technical lighting designer of the stage crew, looks bewildered as he works with a head set. Crew members also perform such various tasks as running the film projectors and fixing mikes.

DECA: Making Plans For The Future

DECA, Distributive Education Clubs of America, attempted to prepare students for future careers in business and to develop their leadership qualities.

The club participated in numerous and varied activities last year. Among these functions was a fall rally in which D.E. students learned more about business procedures.

Later in the year a District Leadership Conference was held that illustrated to students different forms of retail sales and presented simulated job interviews. Shortly after this conference a similar one was held for D.E. students.

During the spring the club members planned to take a field trip to either Tanglewood Mall or Crossroads Mall in Roanoke. The students prepared questionnaires so they would be prepared to ask questions of the store administrators.

Also on the agenda for the club's activities were a picnic to be held in the spring and a money raising project in which members sold assorted candies.

DECA. Front: Crystal Shelor (sec.), Tad Price (pres.). **Second:** Pam Moore, Donnie Cooper, Sandra Hungate, Lynn Pascoe, Pam Helvey, Danny Olinger, Tommy Little, Peggy Willard, Lisa Saville. **Third:** Sandy Short, Wanda Thompson, Dale Linkous, Kathy Pascoe, Kyle McBroom, Jeff Price, Woody Broome, Chris Compton, Derwin Epperly. **Back:** George Reed, Mike Whitaker, David Long, Scott Cupp, Mr. Eakin (spr.), Rick Luckham, Raymond Epperly.

Rallies, Contests, and Booths

Practice makes perfect. Wanda Alls, a third year cosmetology student, smiles as she expertly curls a manikin's hair during class. Cosmetology students also have the opportunity to experiment with different techniques on their fellow students.

The Cosmetology classes were on the move a great deal this past year. Early in the year they visited other vocational schools in the area, while during the second semester they visited local beauty salons. After finishing required courses students were eligible to take a state exam in cosmetology.

Included in the club's various functions were both a District VICA Rally and a VICA District Contest. Also, the classes sponsored a cosmetology booth in conjunction with the FBLA and the March of Dimes. A similar booth was planned for later in the year at the University Mall.

Second Year Cosmetology. Front: Brenda Sifford, Brenda Linkous, Debra Long. **Middle:** Sandra Lovern, Inest Hurdle, Jo Bowers, Connie Woolwine. **Back:** Carolyn McPherson, Anne Wesel, Diana Henderson, Carolyn Keister, Susan Peachey, Chris Costigan, Daphne Jarrell.

Officers. Wanda Alls (rep.), Rhonda Hale (rep.), Ramona McCoy (rep.), Gina Sheppard (pres.), Daphne Jarrell (v. pres.), Anne Wesel (sec.), Carolyn McPherson (tres.), Melissa Plaugher (parl.), Terri Hale (rep.), Connie Woolwine (rep.).

First Year Cosmetology. Front: Vicky Caldwell, Tammy Linkous, Norma Odham. **Middle:** Sabrina DeHart, Deborah Davis, Lisa Smith, Terri Hale. **Back:** Melissa Plaugher, Ann Hale, Debbie Furrow, Kathy Pascoe, Anita Smith.

Officers. Jo Bowers (parl.), Debbie Furrow (rep.), Carol Peachey (v. pres.), Gina Sheppard (pres.), Kathy Pascoe (sec.), **Not Pictured:** Gloria Shelor (tres.).

Third Year Cosmetology. Front: Carol Peachey, Wanda Alls, Rose Keister, Amby Pack, Gina Sheppard, Angie Cook. **Back:** Sandy Marlar (post grad.), Rhonda Hale, Robin Carter, Ramona McCoy, Ellen Nelson, Robin Kipps.

Key Club Lends a Hand

As a junior sector of the Blacksburg Kiwanis Club, the Key Club was designed to serve the school and community. The members of this club were boys in grades 10-12 who applied and were accepted for membership.

Last year, the Key Club operated a coat check for and sold programs at all home basketball games. They also handled the program sales at the new River District basketball games.

The Key Club sponsored a Pie Eating Contest and a Throw-a-Pie at a teacher contest, which were very popular with the student body. Another event the club sponsored was a basketball game between the BHS Faculty and the WVVV Radio Disc Jockeys. It also planned to present the BHS Valentine Dance.

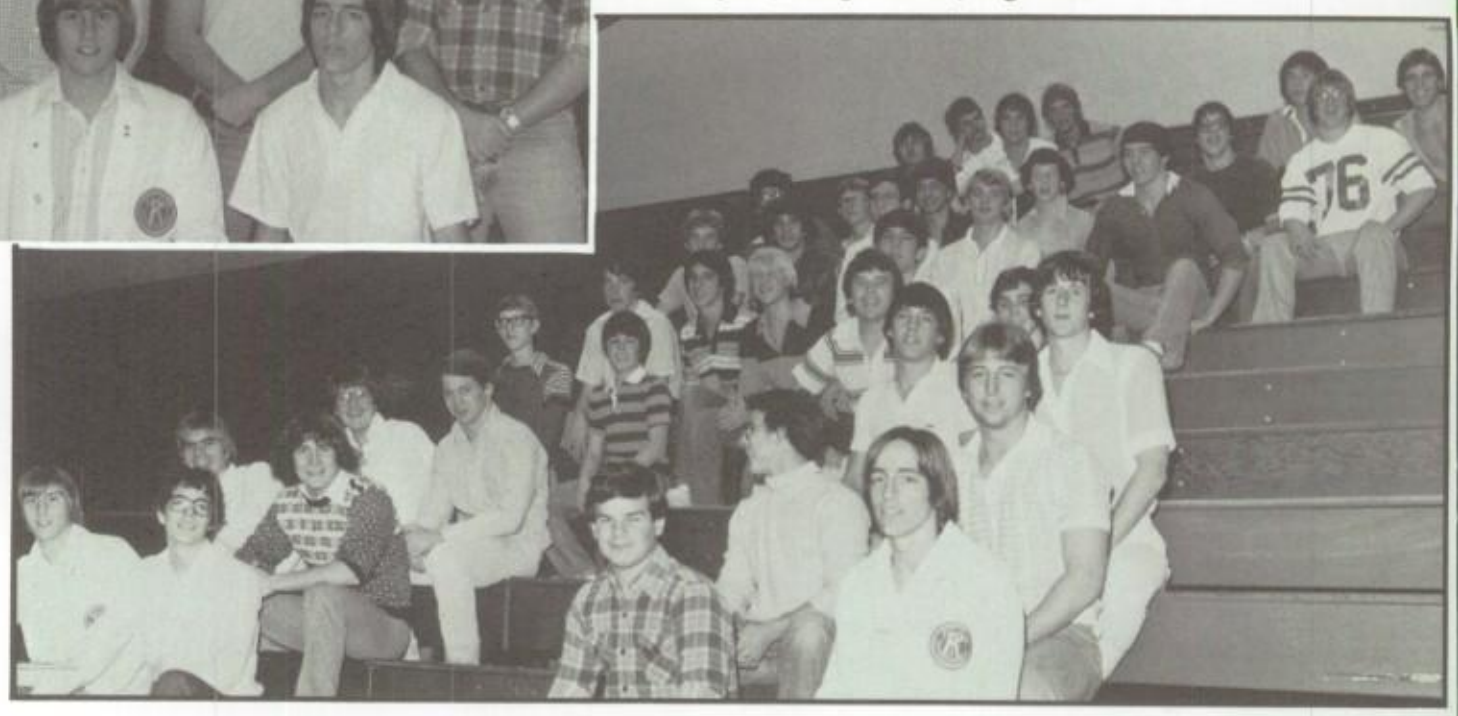
The Key Club held a can food drive last Christmas to help needy families in the community. Club members showed the movie, **Shenandoah,** for the students of BHS and each student brought two cans of food for admission.

In order to learn from other Key Clubs across the state and to help establish leadership statewide, the BHS Key Club sent delegates to the State Convention, held in Roanoke.

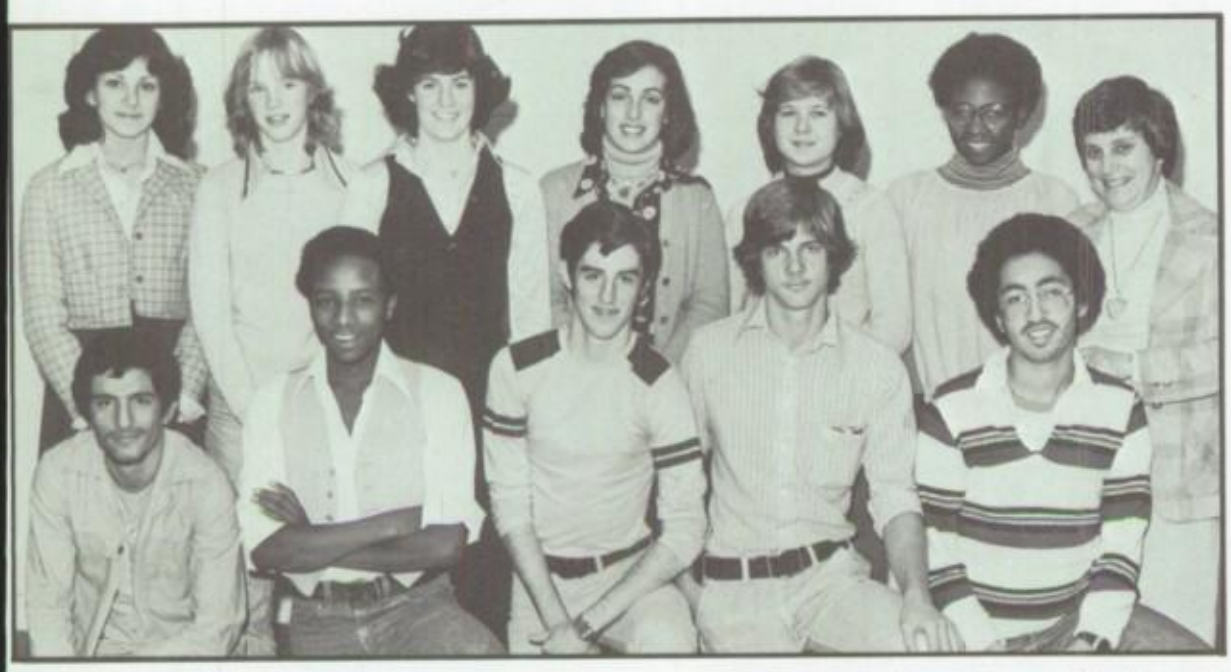
Announcers. Alec Siegel and R.L. Testerman get underway the basketball game sponsored by the Key Club. The BHS faculty is matched off against radio station WVVV.

Officers. Front: Bob Whitlock (tres.), Alec Siegel (sec.), Gary Weddle (pres.), Clark Strickland (v. pres.). **Back:** Ted Devens (public relations), Randy Kates (sr. bd. mbr.), Robert Houska (jr. bd. mbr.), Jimmy Underwood (comm. chm.), Brad Herakovich (sgt. at arms).

Key Club. Front: Gary Weddle, Alec Siegel, Brad Herakovich, Clark Strickland. **Second:** Carl Schwertz, Randy Kates, Marty Gibson, Mark Dymock. **Third:** Doug Wesley, Robert Houska, Jim Underwood, Scott Mullen. **Fourth:** Joe Arp, Bruce Heterick, Craig Blevins, Doug Herakovich. **Fifth:** Mike Wohlford, Doug Rockey, Jeff Schmidt, Rick Louthan. **Sixth:** Pat Frith, Kevin Clevenger, Tony Maderspach, Ted Devens. **Seventh:** David Uttal, John Arp, David Slayton, Glenn Skutt, Billy Akers. **Eighth:** R.L. Testerman, James Torgersen, Allen Hale, Bobby Whitlock. **Back:** Lloyd Bishop, Bill Christopher, Doug Stewart, Page Moir.



Students Exchange Culture



International Club. Front: Nadim Abboud, Joy Tlou, Agustin Reyna, Thomas Rosenfeldt, Farhood Moslehi. **Back:** Dina Badour, Karen Shaw, Sheila Reyna, Malela de Arenas, Lidia Lewczuk, Lehlaseli Tlou, Mrs. Abraham (sponsor).

Due to the increasing enrollment of foreign students at BHS, guidance counselor Mrs. Doris Abraham decided to form the International Club. This club gave students from other countries a chance to share their experiences from living both in the United States and abroad.

International Club members included: Sheila and Agustin Reyna, Malela de Arenas, and Thomas Rosenfeldt from Venezuela, Lidia Lewczuk from Poland, Karen Shaw from South Africa, Nadim Abboud from Lebanon, and Farhood Moslehi from Iran. Several students traveled around before coming to Blacksburg. Dina Badour came to BHS from Canada, and Lehlaseli and Joy Tlou, originally from Rhodesia, moved here from Illinois.

VICA Drafting Draws the Line

VICA Drafting. Mr. West (sponsor), Eddie Bowyer, Frank Hale, Dewayne Jennings, Tracy Quesenberry, Gary Graves, Andrew McMahan, Barry Orange, Charles Young, Donna Whitaker.

VICA Drafting was one of the many VICA programs offered to students at BHS. The students who were enrolled in a curricular drafting course were eligible to join this club.

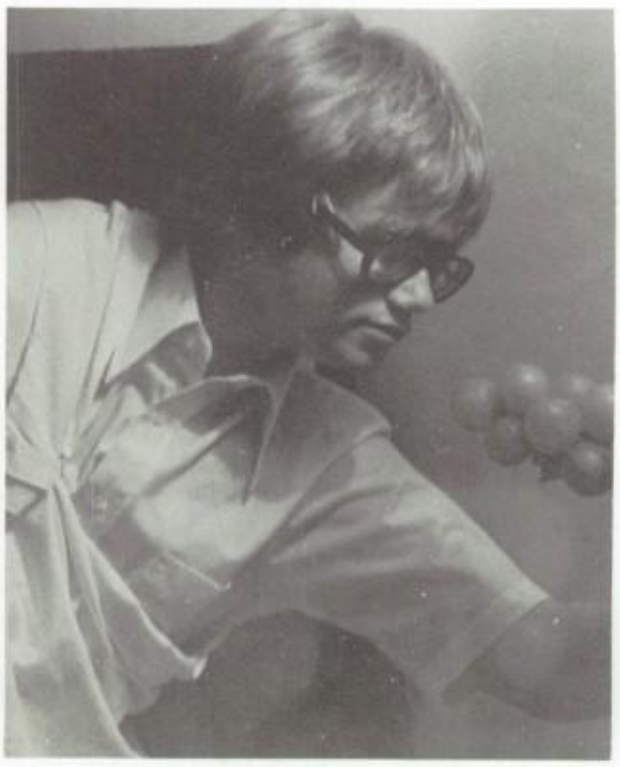
The VICA drafting program was designed to extend students' knowledge and understanding in the field of drafting. This program also strived to prepare the students to become skilled workers in a career related to the drafting field.

In this extracurricular program, students could gain further knowledge and training in the areas of architectural drafting, mechanical drafting, and house planning design.

Scenes From The

Here's to ancient times. At the annual Latin Banquet, Agustin Reyna and John Coffey dress up in togas to depict Ancient Roman costumes.

When in Rome, Stoney Bolte eats as the Romans do.



Latin Club Roster: Joe Albert, Susan Albert, Stoney Bolte, Elizabeth Brown, Matt Burke, Gary Buss, Greg Campbell, Mary Carter, John Coffey, Trey Collins, Jamie Costain, Johnny Costain (tres.), Candi Cupp, Gigi Deeb, Lisa Fore, Pat Frith, Matt Hankins, Peter Hardell, John Harman, Doug Herakovich, Bruce Heterick, Robert Houska, Susie Houska, Katti Ifju, Laurie Jarrett (sec.), Christa Jenssen, Lars Jenssen, Robert Johnson, Grace Keller, Lori Lavery, John Lipsey, Rick Louthan, Anne Mason, Glenda Miller, Curtis Mo, Randy Parks (v. pres.), Christine Petrecca, Vincent Petrecca, Jenny Price, Kim Price, Mattie Quesenberry, Agustin Reyna (pres.), Valerie Roback, Daren Shaw, Angie Smibert, Lisa Smith, Tom Stephenson, Mary Sword, Lynn Tilley, Cheryl Walker, Amy Williams, Celia Wills, Laura Zelazny, Lisa Zelazny, Mrs. Almeida (spr.).

The Latin Club was quite active beginning with the annual Latin Banquet held in mid-October. Each student dressed as an Ancient Roman. Outfits included togas, sandals, and laurel wreaths. During the banquet the club staged a chariot race in the commons. The meal consisted of authenic Roman dishes brought by the students. The activities of the evening ended with skits presented by each class.

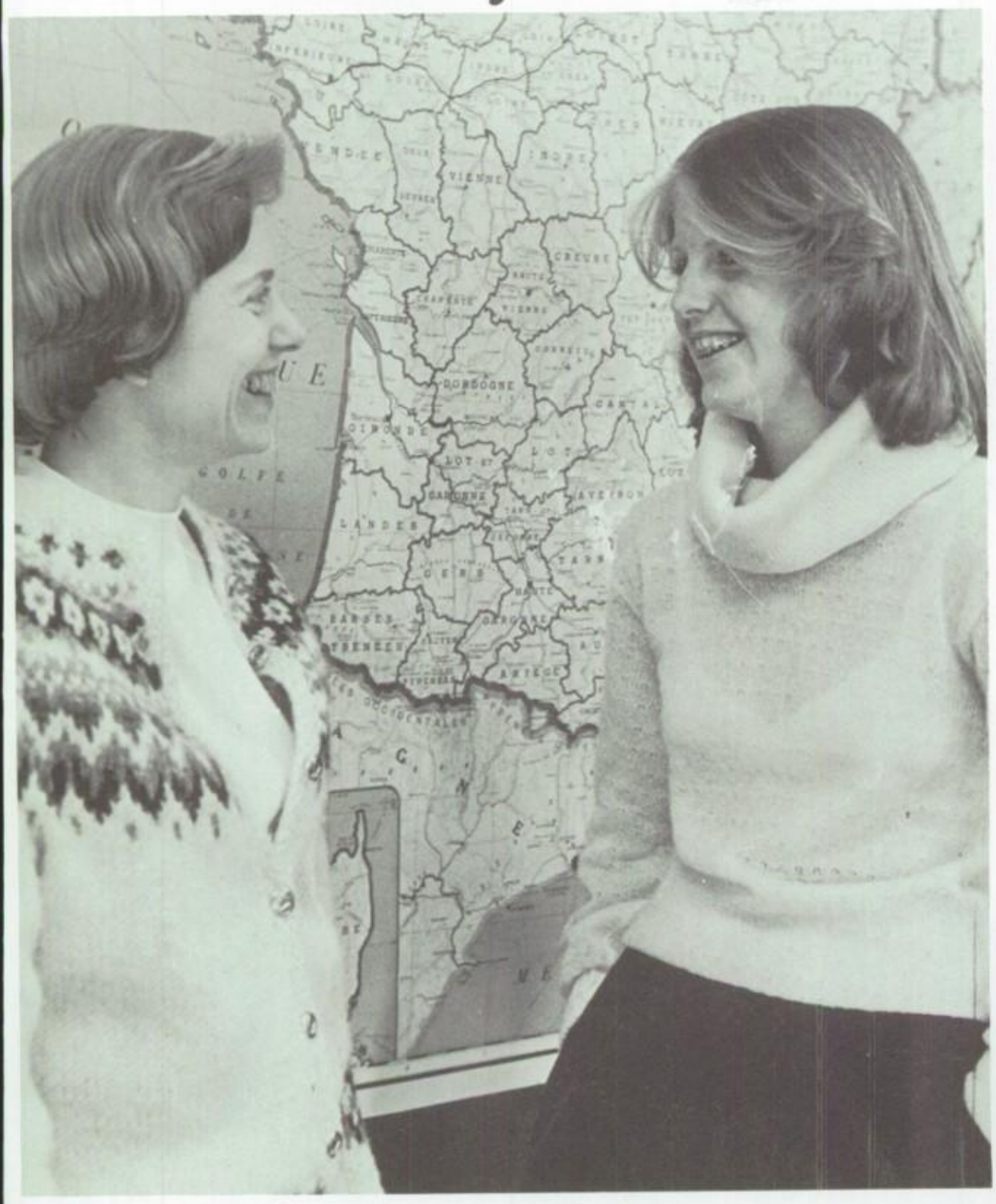
As a member of the Junior Classical League, a nation-wide organization, the BHS chapter raised money to attend a convention held in Washington, D.C. However, the change of sponsors in the middle of the year did not allow for time to prepare for the trip, and the club was unable to attend the convention.

Fund-raising activities began in September with M&M sales. The club also held bake sales and car washes during the year to add money to the treasury.

International Week was held in the spring with all three language clubs participating. The purpose of International Week was to make students aware of the cultures each club represented. The Latin Club did its part by decorating the halls with murals, banners, and signs that represented the Ancient Roman culture.

Activities for the year concluded with the first annual Latin Club picnic in May.

Olde Country



Comment ca va? Mrs. Campbell and Robin Uhr use time after class to discuss plans for the French Club's next meeting. The map of France on the wall gives them ideas.

French Club activities began with a party at the opening of the year that served to acquaint freshmen with the purposes of the club and other members. At a Christmas party the group serenaded neighbors with Christmas carols sung in French.

So that the club members could learn about how a French dinner is prepared by professionals, they enjoyed a meal at a French restaurant in Blacksburg; the activity was referred to as the "French Formal."

The highlight of the year came with a bake sale, cafe style. Red and white checkered tablecloths, signs, menus and a club member dressed as a French waitress combined to make the sale look like an authentic French sidewalk cafe.

The year was concluded with International Week and a spring picnic. Club members decorated the halls with murals depicting life in France, and they brought French food to the banquet at the end of the week.

French National Honor Society. Front: Patti McGrath, Caroline Krebs, Lloyd Bishop; Bobby Whitlock. **Back:** Mrs. Campbell (spr.) JoAnne Lee, Doug Wesley, David Ficenec, Tammy Kirkpatrick.

Roster: Janet Allen, Kathy Allen, Dina Badour, Shelley Bame, Cathy Barnett, Patti-Anne Barranco, Helen Bauer, Mary Bird, Dane Bowker, Lynn Carson, Mildred Carson, Carrie Collier, Laurie Deans, Patty Debney, Linda Dellers, Dana Drapeau, Henrika Dyck, Jennifer Dye, Chris Eiss, Jenny Eiss, Randy Field, Martha Foy, Beth Gerken, Rachel Gibbs, Sara Gilbert, Greg Hannsgen, Heather Hoskisson, Wendy Hurst, Kathy Inger, Ken Inger, Jean Isani, Laurie Jarrett, Kyle Johnson, Rena Kaplan, Maureen Kelley, Debbie King, Caroline Krebs, David Larsen, Caroline Lile, Alissa Lindstrom, Barbara Lineweaver, John Lipsey, Linda Lovingood, Jenny Merkel, Lisa Meyer, Robyn McCluney, Barbie McGrath, Janis Mills, Curtis Mo, April Montgomery, Deanne Morgan, Laura Muller, Julie O'Brien, Kay Parsons, Kelly Patterson, Steve Perfater, Chris Pierce, Tracy Quesenberry, Julie Ribbe, Truda Roper, Susan Schulter, Glenn Skutt, Wendy Slate, Perri Strawn, Jay Thomas, Lynn Tilley, Barbara Tillman, Robby Todd, Robin Uhr, Kirsten VandeBerg, Laura Wierwille.

FFA's Participation Counts

Preparation. J.B. Jones and Darryl Cook water and examine poinsettias in the greenhouse. The Future Farmers sell poinsettias to the public every Christmas as a money-making activity.

FFA. Front: Mr. Surface (sponsor), Doug Harless, Darryl Cook, Mr. Brown (sponsor). **Second:** Mike Whitaker, Guy Hunter, Randy Alls, Todd Hughes, J.B. Jones, Leon Caldwell, Alvin Underwood, Todd Davis. **Third:** Randy Sult, Sam Bender, Brad Plaugher, Barry Saville, Mike Price, Eddie Smith, Paul Harless, Darren Rader. **Fourth:** Donald Cromer, Penny Helms, Melissa Dymock, Angie Sheppard, Gina Sheppard, Sandy Short, Ronnie Vaught, Rodney Perdue. **Fifth:** Allan Caldwell, Tim Heslep, Scott Lowe, Allen Bryant, Jimmy Doss, Rex Price, Ricky Long, George Reed. **Back:** Bruce Harrison (pres.), Jim Simpkins (v. pres.), David Dove (sec.), Scott Lentner (tres.), Marshall Elson (reporter), Woody Hungate, Dean Fugate (hist.), Dale Linkous (parl.).

Active even during the summer, the Blacksburg High School Future Farmers of America chapter sent three members and an advisor to the State FFA Convention at Virginia Tech last June. The members participated in the State Agricultural Mechanics contest and placed fourth in the state.

Later the chapter sent two of its officers and an advisor to State Leadership Camp in Smithfield, Virginia. There, they were instructed in leadership at state officers training sessions.

Once school started, FFA was just as active. The first large project was the operation of a concession stand at the Varsity, JV, and Eighth Grade football games. The soft drinks and popcorn that were sold were greatly appreciated by hungry fans.

Another fund-raising project was the sale of peanuts in September. Money from this activity went toward buying materials for the chapter.

Additional money was earned from the sales of citrus fruit. The chapter paid fifty cents commission per case of citrus sold by members and the balance was retained in the chapter. Total participation was encouraged in this activity.

National FFA Week was an important time for the club. During this week, February 17 through 24, the chapter tried to have pie and coffee for the faculty. Club members put up bulletin boards and displays in local banks. One of the state officers was invited to speak at the meeting held that week. For this meeting, all members were requested to wear official FFA dress. In addition, FFA officers had a special dinner and attended a school board meeting.

Already thinking toward this summer, the local FFA chapter was invited to participate in the June 18 showing of Klassroom Kwiz. The club has been seen on this show for the past two years.

The BHS chapter was also in Blue Ridge Area Federation activities including tractor driving, forestry judging, public speaking, and livestock and dairy judging.

Science Invites Experts to Speak

Scientists study. Kelly Steffen and Kirk Wortman examine slides under microscopes in a science lab.

Science Club. Front: Sarah Wortman, Jean Isani, Debbie King, Trudy Ballas, Stephen Heath. **Middle:** John Lipsey (v. pres.), Mattie Quesenberry, Brad Martens, Dale Kirkpatrick, Becky Worner (sec.-tres.), Lisa Eaton, Kelly Steffen. **Back:** Deanna McCollum, Mrs. Fay (sponsor), Brad Herakovich (pres.), Kirk Wortman, Ken Inger, Chris Marin, Kyle Johnson, Mrs. Parson (sponsor).

The Science Club consisted of those students interested in learning more about science-related subjects. Club members took part in many activities throughout the year.

During club meetings, the Science Club was visited by numerous guest speakers. Dr. Richard McNitt, who lectured on automobile safety in regards to momentum and car size, was one of the speakers. Another was Dr. W.B. Gross, who spoke on behalf of cancer research. Allen Bristor, naturalist for the Blacksburg Parks and Recreation Department, also visited the club.

The Science Club took part in activities outside of the meetings as well. The members participated in various field trips throughout the year, including a spring visit to the University of Virginia biological station located at Mountain Lake.

The Science Club donated funds toward the purchase of a multi-plex hologram for use by the science department.

The Blacksburg High School **Warrior Band** of the 1978-79 School Year

Marching To an Upward Beat

Oompa, Oompa. Jay Gregory practices his saxaphone during marching season. When concert music is played Jay uses his trombone.

Spats, muddy sneakers, uniforms, silver and gold instruments, t-shirts, warm days and cool nights — all of these elements produced one determined organization: The Warrior Band.

The Blacksburg Warrior Band has formed a strong bond with school activities this year. Its music accompanied the football team, pep rallies, and organized concerts.

In order to perform, all the musicians met during the beginning days of August to practice playing as a group. These short "jam" sessions were also used to reacquaint the marching players with certain muscles which had remained inactive over the summer period.

When the "get-to-know" lessons had been learned, a band camp occurred. Band camp was used to learn new routines and music for halftime shows at Friday night games. During this one summer week many bottles of Ben-Gay and sunburn lotion were used to relieve the ailments caused by an eight hour marching day.

Along with performing at various football games, the band had been actively involved, throughout the school year, in several marching festivals and parades.

In addition to performing at halftime shows during Blacksburg games, the band was invited to and participated in the halftime entertainment at the Virginia Tech-Tulsa game on September 9.

The band took part in its first marching competition at the Virginia State Fair in Richmond, where the Warrior Band was awarded an excellent rating in its division.

Moreover, these BHS musicians received a superior rating, the first in six years, for their marching presentation at Wake Forest University on October 6.

Next on the agenda was a Festival contest entitled The 28th Annual Southeastern Band Festival. The Warrior Band received a division "one" rating from the eight judges who carefully inspected the band.

Parading through the streets was a way the band got to know Blacksburg. The Virginia Tech homecoming parade and the annual Christmas march was used to spread BHS music throughout the town.

Once the parades ended, concert season began. Marching uniforms were traded for long dresses, suits, and ties. The band's winter concert was special in that not only was music played as always, but a Honda Civic was given away after a three month donation drive.

All in all, neither snow, rain, nor blazing sun could keep the Warrior Band from spreading musical cheer to everyone.

Percussion. Front: Ronnie Saacke, Christa Arnold, Lee Saunders, Chris Via, Stoney Bolte. **Back:** Phillip Cumbo, Allan Wolf.

Clarinets. Front: David Uttal. **Second:** Shelley Bame, Barbara Hopkins, Deanne Morgan. **Third:** Mary Carter, Kathleen Furey, Michael Fairbairn, Audrey Anderson. **Back:** Cindy Lineweaver, Brenda Oliver, Barbara Lineweaver, Dana Drapeau, Bobby Reynolds.

Step-in-time. Jeanne Cole and Louise Dodl link arms after a weary marching practice.

Baritones. Chris Cochran, Trey Collins, George Teekell.

Trumpets. Front: James Young, Peggy Bowen, Cary Whaley, Chris Pierce, Tom Stephens, Marcus Berry, Joe Havlicek. **Back:** Matt McGrath, Noell Caldwell, Bob Leonard, Bob Dawson, John Bingham, Jeff Weidhaas.

The Warrior Band Strikes a High Note

Majorettes. Front: Mary Sword, Louise Dodl. **Back:** Julie Ribbe, Carrie Collier, Ashlie Troutman.

Flag Corps. Front: Jennie McCollum, Mary Weaver, Cindy Kornegay, Linda Ruszler, Diane Trussel. **Middle:** Sheila Reyna, Suzanne Mullen, Sarah Starling. **Back:** Vicki Higginbotham, Linda Lovingood, Sara Wortman, Andrea Colley.

Success. Several band members express their exhuberance and dedication to the school as their faces convey the outcome of the game played the night before, at which they performed.

Field Director. Jeanne Cole

Trombones. Front: David Ficenec. **Second:** Eric Ritchey, Andy Wones. **Third:** Patricia Whitlock, Cindy Barden. **Fourth:** Leanne Polan, Brad Coffey, **Back:** Jay Gregory, Edward Disney.

Flutes. Front: Kelly Steffen, Lael Lambe, Debbie King, Bryan Slack, Mary Bird, Rachel Gibbs. **Middle:** Cathey Brinson, Lori Fleeger, Chris McLachlan, Erin Litschert. **Back:** Wendy Hurst, Cathy Barnett, Allison Taylor.

Saxaphones. Front: Beth Gerken, Paul Williams, David Slayton, Barbie McGrath, Owen Wells. **Middle:** Rosie Broderick, Linda Martin, Aaron Slack. **Back:** Peter Hardell, Robert Donathan, Lynn McCoy, Debbie Lovingood.

Tubas. Jerome Moore, Jay Gregory, Robin Stombler, Rick Lechowich.

Setting the beat. Band Director Mr. Mills attempts to maintain a unified beat throughout his band during a routine practice session.

Practice and more practice. Owen Wells leads the band with his baritone sax at an after school marching session. The rest of the band follows while executing a new stepping pattern.

Stage Band. Front: David Slayton, Peter Hardell, Debbie Lovingood, Rosie Broderick, Linda Martin, Stoney Bolte, Louise Dodl, Owen Wells. **Middle:** Bob Dawson, Art Mook, Christa Arnold, Andy Wones, David Ficenec, Eric Ritchey, Jay Gregory, Mr. Mills (Director), Cathy Barnett. **Back:** Lee Saunders, Matt McGrath, Joe Havlicek, John Bingham, Jeff Weidhaas.

Having fun when the work is done. Band members give a yell of victory after a football defeat by the Blacksburg Indians as they begin their journey home.

Yeah! Deanne Morgan and Shelley Bame give a cheer after the band wins the Southeastern Band Festival. In the background, Carrie Collier sleeps after the tiresome completion of this long competition.

Rogue's gallery. Cindy Kornegay, Linda Lovingood, Andrea Colley, Sara Wortman, Sheila Reyna, Mary Weaver, Vicky Higgenbotham, Jennie McCollum, and Suzanne Mullen wait eagerly in the stands until their turn to perform in the halftime show.

Auditions Bring Out the Best

m Gonna Sing is a collection of favorite folk songs that Concert hoir members, Amy Williams, Leah O'Dell, Kris Leighton, Phillip Cumbo, and Donna Gnegy practice for an upcoming concert for the students of BHS.

oncert Choir. Front: Debbie Hardie, Teena Evans, Janice Alert, Stephen Williams, James Willard, Mickey O'Neill, Orndo Salinas, Dave Rockey, Kris Leighton, Lisa Polly, Lidia ewczuk. **Middle:** Sherry Fleeger, Laura Salmon, Leah O'Dell, osie Brooker, Bill Williams, Tyrone Sherman, Doug Turner, obert Lowe, Kyle Johnson, Barry Saville, Sue Veit, Valerie Roback, Christine Petrecca, Patty Skelly, Wendy Warshauer. **Back:** Heather Griffin, Barbara Hopkins, Linda Lovingood, Holly Goodsell, Mary Beth Oliver, Mike Atwell, Bobby Hypes, Phillip Cumbo, David Larsen, Dane Bowker, Tim Price, Rick Luckham, Amy Williams, Sarah Byrd, Kelly Bellas, Beth Bennett, April Montgomery.

ocky Mountain High, a popular John Denver song, is ne of this duo's favorites. Susan Schulter and Rosie rooker entertain the student body during a break in the unior Class play.

The Concert Choir at Blacksburg High School consisted of students in grades 9-12. In the spring, students who wished to become members of the choir tried out and the best vocalists were chosen. They met each day during school with director Mrs. Mills to practice musical numbers.

Concert Choir, along with the rest of the music classes, presented a Christmas Concert for the public. They were also part of the Spring Music Concert. With new choir robes which were purchased last year, the choir displayed a professional image. Students who auditioned for All-Regional Choir and were in choir for two years were eligible to receive a letter.

Singing Broadway Melodies

The Blacksburg High School Music Department had a new addition to its curriculum this year. Mixed Chorus class joined the music program and included students from grades 9-12. In this class, pupils had a chance to learn many different styles of popular music.

Throughout the fall, students worked every day to present a program for the Christmas Concert. With the new year, the singers started polishing a series of Broadway melodies. Along with other music classes, they planned to be a part of the Spring Music Concert.

Pickin' and Grinnin'. Doug Rockey is happy as he finishes playing another song in his guitar class.

Singing together. Mary Byers, Laurie Kerns, Sandy Graham, and Elizabeth Furr warm up for the next series of songs in Mixed Chorus.

Mixed Chorus. Front: Robin Price, Gayle Estes, Jeri Watson, Teresa Matherly, Beth Wiggert, Liz Frary, Susan Jones, Elaine Ebert, Troy Purcell, Michael Lytton, Dennis Weeks. **Middle:** Christine Lentner, Frances Price, Mary Garst, Elizabeth Furr, Dana Pirkle, Mary Byers, Sandy Graham, Lynn Carson, Chris Howard, Wanda Gray. **Back:** Steven Brinlee, Laurie Kerns, Linda Gross, Kirsten VandeBerg, Sara Gilbert, Patricia Debney, Suzanne Carr, Pat Cadzow, Angela Sheppard, Vincent Petrecca.

Madrigals Visit Grand Ole Opry

Madrigals. Front: Jocelyn VandeBerg, Mary Hunter Smith. **Middle:** Patti McGrath, Susan Schulter, Bill Williams, Joe Sandoval, Rosie Brooker. **Back:** David Slayton, Bill Randall, Meredith Schnitzer, Bobby Hypes, Rick Lechowich, Amy Williams, Jamie Bollinger, Doug Turner, Rick Luckham. **Not Pictured:** Wendy Warshauer.

Practice Session. Bill Williams and Rosie Brooker watch while Amy Williams plays the piano. The Madrigals practice with the piano but perform without instrumental accompaniment.

Tuning up. Patti McGrath practices one of the many difficult pieces of music which the Madrigals will sing in Nashville.

BHS had several talented vocal groups but perhaps the most distinguished of these was the Madrigals. They were a group composed of sophomores, juniors, and seniors who sang Renaissance songs in English, Italian, Spanish, and French. The atmosphere they created was enhanced by the authentic Renaissance costumes they wore.

The Madrigals sang at school events, such as the Christmas concert and football and basketball games, where they sang "The Star Spangled Banner." In addition to these performances the Madrigals were in demand to sing at various community functions. They sang at the Marriott Inn in Blacksburg, the YMCA Arts and Crafts Fair at VPI&SU, and at Radford College for music students.

These events kept them fairly busy but the highlight of their year, for which they spent months of preparation, was attendance at the Music Education National Conference (MENC) in Nashville from February 28 through March 3. An invitation to this conference was an honor because they attended it two years ago and it was unusual to be asked twice. They were required to audition for the conference by sending a tape.

In addition to the musical abilities and the efforts of the students involved, much of the credit for the Madrigals' accomplishments went to their director, Mrs. Mills.

Students Learn Life-Saving

Nursing. Front: Elaine Winters, Sandy Walbridge, Teresa Matherly. **Back:** Becky Skelly Anita McCoy, Lori Kirk, Liz Belcher, Robin Angle.

EMT. Front: Cathy Caldwell, Susan Elliott, Regina Noonkester, Loni Anderson, Lisa Onega, Denise Eaves. **Middle:** Becky Skelly, Mara Wright, Meredith Schnitzer, David Burleson, Kay Robinson, Debbie Guarino, Joel Taylor, Tammy Fain. **Back:** Beth Gerken, Glenda Miller, Ted Hartenstein, Joey Schetz, Greg Campbell, John Allen, Jim Simpkins, Glenn Huffman, Louis Smith.

The Health Occupations classes expanded this year with the addition of the new Emergency Medical Technician class. Taught by Mrs. King, students learned valuable life-saving techniques. At the end of the course, students were eligible to take a test enabling them to become certified to aid victims in emergencies.

VICA Nursing was also a part of the program. Nursing students, in addition to learning in the classroom, had the opportunity to learn on the job. They gained experience by working with area professionals in health careers.

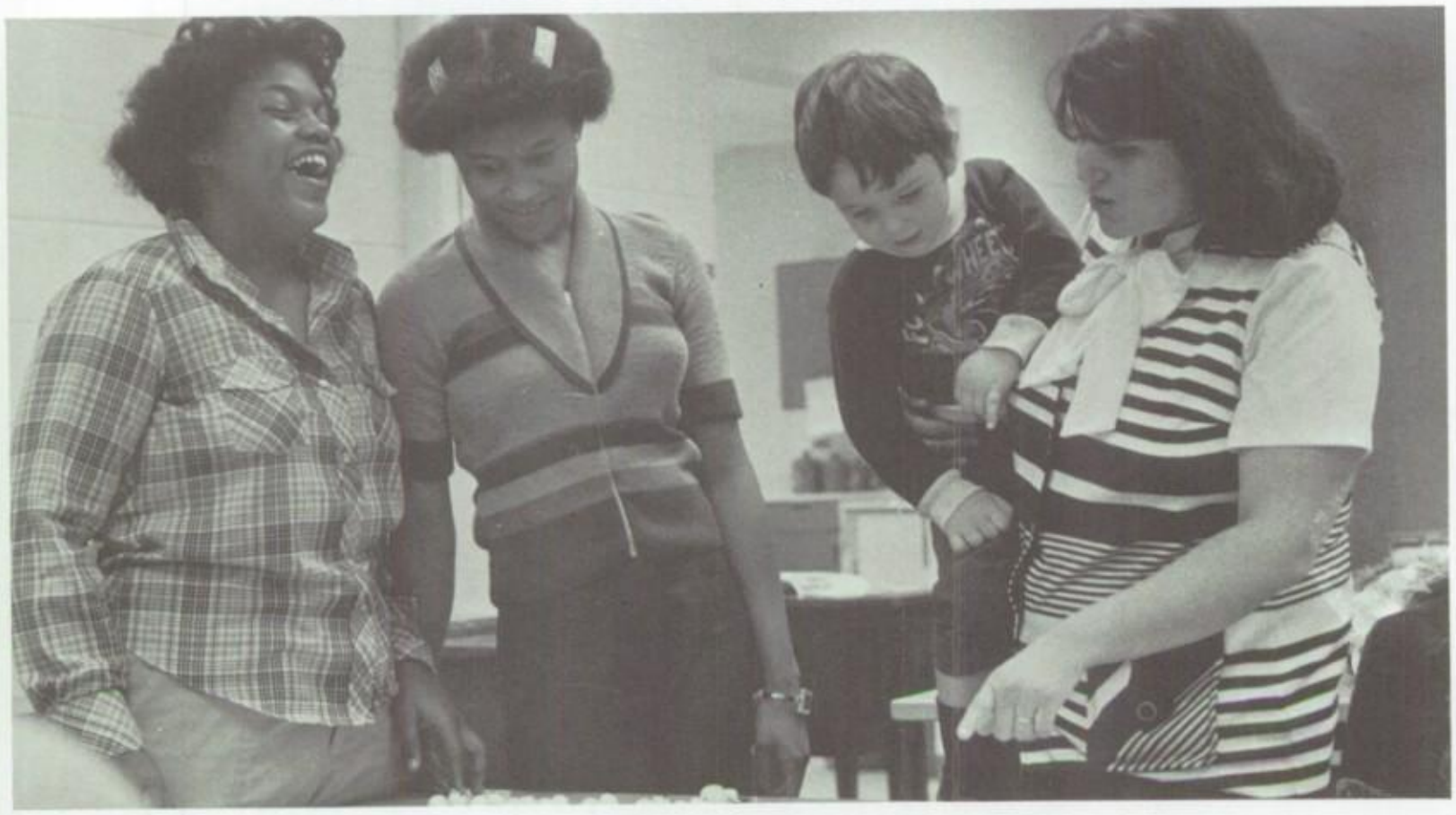
ICT Aids Working Students

As an educational club, ICT, Industrial Cooperative Training, was made up of students from both the beginning and advanced levels of the program. Aided by their sponsor, Mr. Bob Price, students enrolled in this course found part-time jobs that would prepare them for future careers. In the process of learning their business and earning money they could also complete their high school education.

Besides assisting themselves, ICT students extended the benefits of their knowledge to the rest of the student body. Anyone needing a Social Security card could contact a member for assistance. In addition, ICT members received instructions on how to fill out work permits and income tax forms and were able to lend a hand to students who needed help in completing these forms.

ICT. Front: Roy Sowers, Daryl Robinson, Andrew McMahan, Mr. Bob Price (sponsor), Joel Keller, Daphne Boothe, Sheri Leach, Johnnie Layman, Robin Comer. **Middle:** Tildon Lawton, Steve Dowdy, Ricky Vaught, James Henderson, Diane Trussell, Garland Perdue, Brenda Sifford, Carolyn McPherson. **Back:** Pat Wilson, Jeff Davis, Phillip Linkous, Tom Brieve, Richard Robinson, Jim Easterling, Mr. Maerker, Tim Price, Adrienne Price.

BHS Has Its Own HERO



Finished product. Brenda Eaves, Regina Berger, Mrs. Fain, and her son Richard admire the creatures which members of the FHA constructed from small pom-poms and magnets.

Officers. Front: Carol Peachey (v. pres.), Diane Eaves (pres.) **Back:** Gina Sheppard (dgr. chrm.), Teresa Epperly (sec.), Regina Berger (hist.), Susan Peachey (tres.), Brenda Eaves (rep.).

HERO Club. Front: Cathy Caldwell, Stephanie Heslep, Regina Noonkester, Kim Cowan, Lois Dickerson, Loni Anderson. **Back:** Mrs. Hincker (sponsor), Delilah Brogan, Leda Oxendine, Karen Perfater, Doreen Poff, Carrie Slusser, Beverly Price, Teresa Epperly, Mrs. Wilkerson (sponsor), Mrs. Fain (sponsor).

FHA. Front: Melissa Plaugher, Diane Eaves, Carol Peachey, Gina Sheppard, Brenda Eaves. **Middle:** Denise Eaves, Tammy Linkous, Robin Fuller, Amy Sanchez, Susan Peachey, Diane Trussel, Troy Purcell, Robert Gresty. **Back:** Mrs. Hinker (sponsor), Cyndi Long, Amy Walters, Rhonda Bowles, Carrie Slusser, Mary DeHart, Denise Woolwine, Barbara Cromer, Vicky Caldwell, Regina Berger, Mrs. Wilkerson (sponsor), Mrs. Fain (sponsor).

The Future Homemakers of America Club was joined this year by the HERO Club. Both organizations were geared toward preparing high school students to successfully manage a home. This year, members decided to conduct fund-raising projects so that they could take a trip in the spring. They sold cosmetic products, decorations, and stuffed animal kits. Also during the year, aluminum cans were collected for recycling. The Future Homemakers looked forward to traveling to the Richmond area on a field trip.

Community Businesses

Activities of the Art Club included a fall painting and drawing trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway and later, a float in the Christmas Parade.

As a school service, Art Club members planned artwork to decorate both the teachers' cafeteria and lounge. For local businesses, the club painted signs advertising Virginia Tech home games.

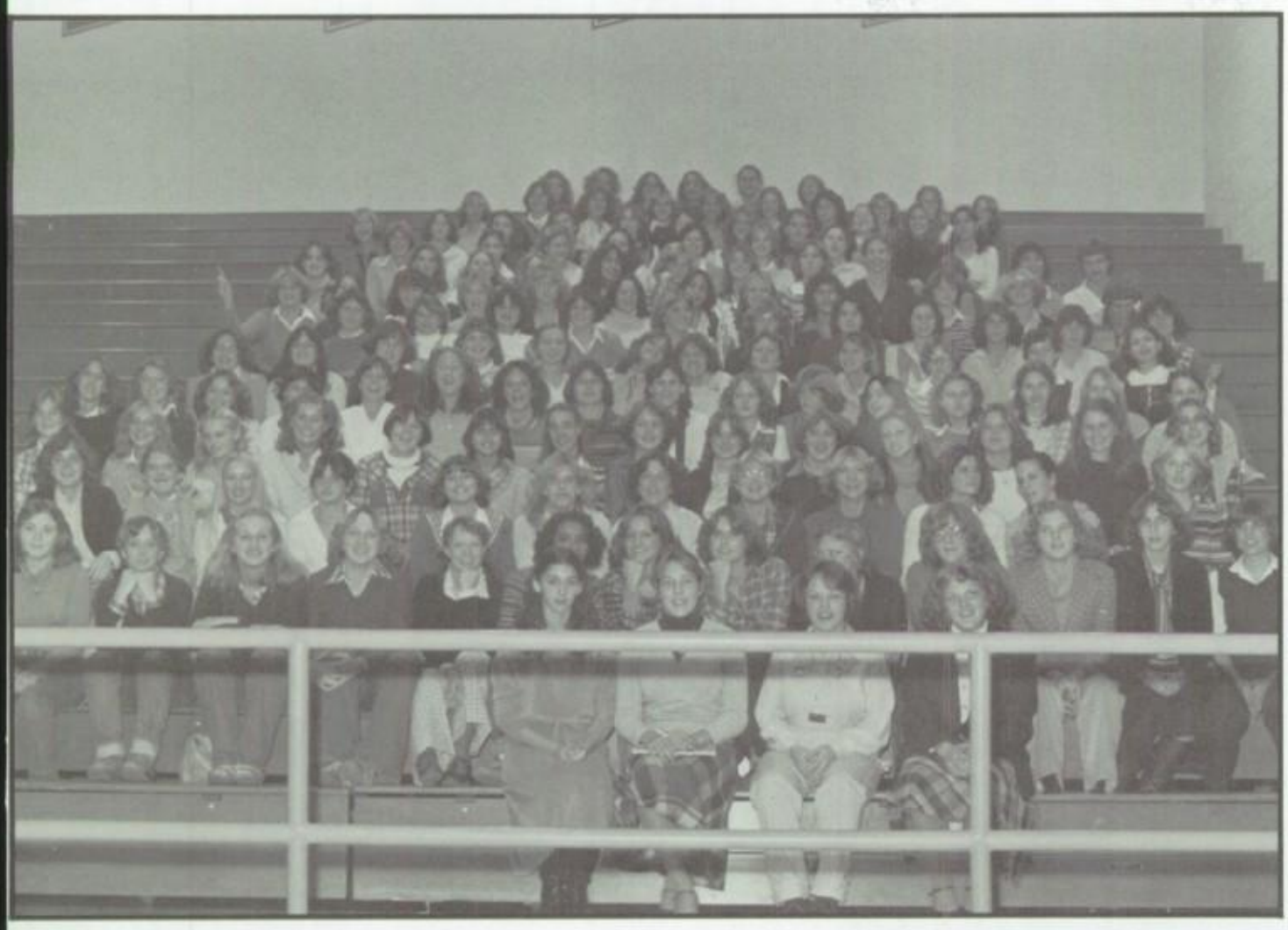
The primary purpose of the Art Club was to promote a better appreciation of art among students. To aid in the goal, the club planned a trip to the National Art Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Several new classes were added to the Art Department's curriculum. These included Crafts and Sculpture, Painting and Drawing, and Three-Dimensional Art. Examples of the works of all art classes were displayed in the showcase and on school bulletin boards.

Art Club. Front: Stephen Heath, Jo-Anne Lee, Caroline Krebs, Debbie Guarino, Charles Layman, Tim Cundiff, Owen Wells, Charles Young. **Second:** Mrs. Seagle (sponsor), Ann Walker, Becky Worner, Joel Taylor, Laura Lyall, Elizabeth Furr, Julie Flynn, Vicky Griffin, David Mokarem, Scott Obenchain, Miss Osborne (sponsor). **Third:** Deanna McCollum, Debbie Schug, Henrika Dyck, Sarah Byrd (v. pres.), Kathleen Furey, Joel Gibbs, Jeff Kellerhouse, Jimmy Phillips, Mark Hoskisson, Danny Sebolt, Filiz Holt. **Back:** Lisa Smith, Leah Miller, Mark Hill, Mark Fennell, Greg Cadzow, Brian Shipman, Scott Beane, Tikki Prestrude. **Not Pictured:** Freda Burch (pres.), Mildred Carson.

Perfect image. Greg Cadzow is aided by art instructor Mrs. Seagle as he forms a clay replica of his face which will become part of his pottery project. He is working in his art class, which is closely affiliated with the Art Club.

Sponsor Club Floats



Pep Club Roster: Patti-Anne Barranco, Beth Bennett, Allison Bernd, Norris Bishop, Rosie Broderick, Elizabeth Brown, Vicky Brown, Lisa Butt, Mary Carter, Sandy Collins, Leigh Cook, Stephanie Cox, Sarah Cross, Cybele Daley, Gigi Deeb, Lisa Eaton, Mary Garst, Anita Ghosh, Pam Goldsmith, Cindy Graves, Heather Griffin, Dawn Guarino, Tracy Hensley, Vickie Higginbotham, Susie Houska, Kari Humphries, Jean Isani, Grace Keller, Lisa Layman, Lori Lavery, Chris Lenter, Allison Lindstrom, Debbie Lovingood, Anne Mason, Jennie McCollum (tres.), Barbie McGrath, Julie McMurray, Lisa Meyer, Teresa Miller, April Montgomery, Suzanne Mullen, Laura Muller, Dana Pirkle, Chris Petrecca, Frances Price, Jenny Price, Kim Price, Tracy Quesenberry, Robin Reed (pres.), Julie Ribbe, Ann Roth, Joan Saari, Kathy Schetz (v. pres.), Amy Schmidt, Susan Schulter (sec.), Rhonda Slusser, Mary Sword, Diana Stafford, Barbara Tillman, Cairole Troutman, Robin Uhr, Mary Weaver, Bonnie Whittaker, Linda White.

Encouraging spirit was the primary purpose of the Pep Club. Living up to expectations, the club members painted the wall banners that decorated the halls on the days of athletic events. Football, basketball, and baseball players knew that the student body was behind them from the Pep Club signs that appeared on players' lockers. Each of these groups of athletes were given a party in honor of their excellent performances. The Mr. Basketball contest was also sponsored by this club.

Plagued by financial problems, the Pep Club had many fund-raising drives. Members took orders for cookies and sold refreshments at several basketball games. Hungry students were given the opportunity to buy chocolate and pecan turtles which were also sold by the Pep Club.

Several events during the year were sponsored by the Pep Club. One of these was the Homecoming Dance for which the club decorated the commons with blue and gold streamers. Another project was a cake walk booth at the Sadie Hawkins Fun Fair, half the profits of which were given to the March of Dimes.

The club's biggest effort was the float in the Christmas Parade sponsored by the National Bank of Blacksburg. With the help of Miss Dillon and Miss Osborne, the club won the $125 third prize.

Mr. Basketball Contest, sponsored by the Pep Club, is set up in the commons so students may vote for their favorite basketball player by giving money. Rita Johnston and Cheryl Pacetti tabulate results.

Band and Choir Join Forces

The Music Club was comprised mainly of those students who were enrolled in a music related course and wanted to participate in extracurricular activities pertaining to the music arts. The members sold chances on record albums and a hairdryer in order to raise money for the club. Since much electrical equipment was ruined last year due to the leaky roof, the club purchased microphones to be used for music concerts. They also planned to stage a musical variety show for students in February.

Take a chance. Teresa Matherly, Jeri Watson, and Mary Garst relax during a Music Club meeting. One of their projects is a raffle in which a hairdryer and two record albums are given away.

Playing along. Music Club members April Montgomery and Beth Bennett help to keep the Concert Choir on key by playing the piano.

Music Club Roster. Mike Atwell, Cathy Barnett, Pam Bell, Kelly Bellas (sec.), Beth Bennett (tres.), Mary Bird, Steven Brinlee, Rosie Brooker, (pres.), Woody Broome, Mary Byers, Sarah Byrd, Pat Cadzow, Lynn Carson, Patty Debney, Thomas DeBusk, Dana Drapeau, Michael Fairbairn, Sherry Fleeger, Liz Frary, Kathleen Furey, Mary Garst, Sarah Gilbert, Holly Goodsell, Sandy Graham, Wanda Grey, Joe Havlicek, John Hay, Barbara Hopkins, Bobby Hypes, Susan Jones, Laurie Kerns, Lael Lambe, Rick Luckham, Teresa Matherly, Monte Matusevich, Barbie McGrath, Lisa Meyer, April Montgomery, Leah O'Dell, Brenda Oliver, Mary Beth Oliver, Kelly Patterson, Christine Petrecca, Chris Pierce, Dana Pirkle, Lisa Polly, Chris Porter, Bill Randall, Kathy Ross, Linda Ruszler, Joe Sandoval, Susan Schulter (v. pres.), Patty Skelly, Tony Smith, Darren Steiss, Perri Strawn, Roger Sullins, George Teekell, Jean-Paul Terrell, Doug Turner, Debbie Twiggs, Joceyln VandeBerg, Kirsten VandeBerg, Sue Veit, Wendy Warshauer, Jeri Watson, Beth Wiggert, Jimbo Willard, Amy Williams.

FBLA Goes Country

There she is. Penny Helms is third runner up in the FBLA Beauty Contest held this spring. Tracy Roberts is crowned Miss BHS in the 1978 contest.

Future Business Leaders of America was a national organization for students who had been, or were currently, enrolled in a business related course. The goals of the members included attaining self-confidence, developing leadership qualities, and gaining knowledge of the occupations associated with the business field.

To better achieve these goals, members of FBLA attended several events throughout the year. Among the activities attended were the FBLA Fall Planning Session at VPI&SU, the FBLA Spring Regional Contest in Salem, the FBLA State Leadership Conference for newly elected officers, which was held at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, and the Annual Summer Leadership Training Conference at Massaneta Springs, Harrisonburg.

FBLA sponsored the Annual Miss BHS Beauty Contest, which is the club's major moneymaking project for the year. One of the club's main contributions last year was its leadership role in the school's fund-raising drive for the March of Dimes which was called PROJECT HELP for FBLAers across America.

The FBLA presented the Sadie Hawkins Dance, held on November 18. Acitivities were held throughout this week that called for student participation. The club held a "general store" during lunch periods which sold popcorn and cookies. The club also sold "marriage licenses" which could be made official at the dance. Student participation made the Sadie Hawkins Dance on Saturday night a huge success.

FBLA Roster: Nadim Abboud, Janet Albert, Julie Albert, Joe Arp, John Arp, James Baker, Mike Bame, Theresa Barker, Daphne Boothe, Rhonda Bowles, Sharon Browning, Joyce Buchanan, Cheryl Campbell, Jeanne Cole, Robin Comer, Barbara Cromer, Debbie Cromer, Sabrina DeHart, Troy Drewry, Toy Dugger, Debby Elliott, Regina Epperly, Teresa Epperly, Sherry Estes, Teena Evans, John Furrow, Jeannie Gay, Nancy Gay, Gloria Graham, Lisa Graves, Ann Hale, Robin Hale, Terri Hale, Mike Hall, Kari Hancock, Penny Helms, Sandra Hungate, Inest Hurdle, Kim Hypes, Enola Jarels, Daphne Jarrell, Donna Johnston, Rita Johnston, Lauri Linkous, Cyndi Long, Cindy Lucas, Linda Martin, David McMahan, Cheryl Morris, Cathy Munson, Holly Neel, Connie Noonkester, Lisa Onega, Leda Oxendine, Lynn Pascoe, Dawn Paskowski, Lisa Patterson, Carol Peachey, Karen Perfater, Donna Perdue, Dodie Poff, Diane Price, Dena Richards, Susan Rowlett, Olga Ruiz, Kim Sappington, Machell Saunders, Joe Schetz, Amy Schmidt, Pam Schmidt, Angela Sheppard, Dreama Sheppard, Gina Sheppard, Maleta Sheppard, Anita Smith, Wanda Thompson, Chris Turley, Debbie Vaden, Jocelyn VandeBerg, Darrell Vaught, Sue Veit, Jeri Watson, Tammy White, Mike Wohlford, Lisa Zelazny.

Providing Education

Pasting and Painting. Laurie Kerns, Suzanne McNair, Sue Veit, and Rosie Brooker glue strips of newspaper onto the balloons to form pinatas. Filled with candy, the pinatas will provide entertainment at the Christmas Fiesta.

Hit the Pinata. Mrs. Fillmore attempts to break the pinata as Wendy Hurst, Laurie Deans, Debbie King, and Lael Lambe anxiously wait for the candy to spill.

The Pan Am Club received a chance to discover the lifestyles found in Spanish speaking countries. For a taste of Mexican food, the club went to the Fiesta Cantina restaurant in Roanoke. Pinatas were made and filled with candy to provide fun for members who attended the Christmas Fiesta.

At the Fun Fair, the Pan Am Club made and sold tacos for hungry dancers at the Sadie Hawkins Dance.

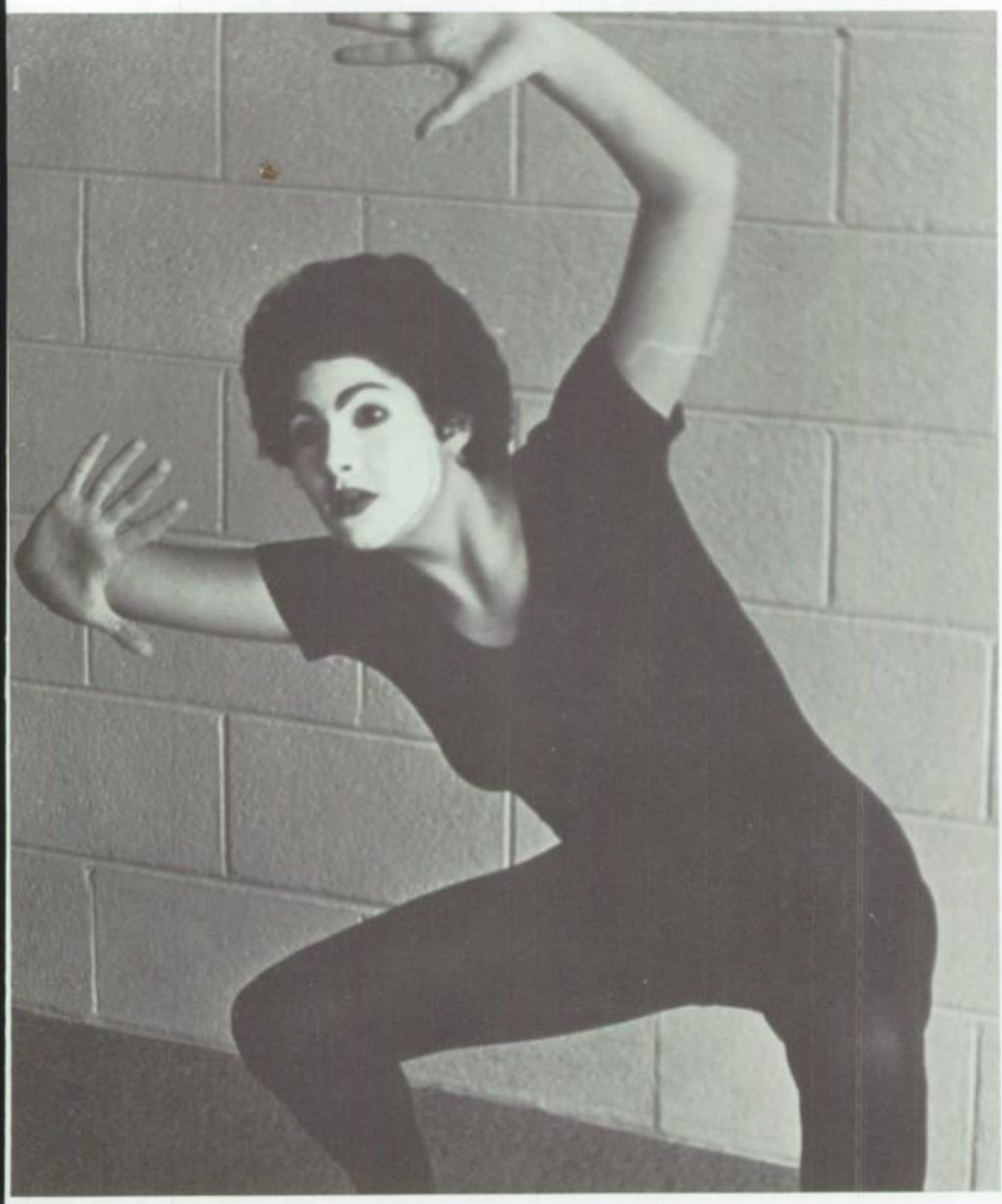
In January, Mrs. Schurig presented a program for the club which included slides and music of Chile. The club planned to have Mrs. McNair talk about life in Mexico.

Also planned was a trip to Roanoke to see Morca Flamenco in concert.

Candy Time. Christen Zweifel and Kristen Saacke gather candy which has fallen from the pinata.

Pan Am Roster. Cindy Barden, Allison Bernd, Rosie Broderick, Rosie Brooker, Debbie Byrd, Sarah Byrd, Paula Buss, Glenell Carson, Yasmin Contractor, Kim Cowan, Rebecca DeBusk, Ted Devens, Elaine Ebert, Amy Eller, Sherry Fleeger, Anna Frary, Anita Ghosh, Karen Gilbert, Jay Gregory, Linda Gross, Vicky Higginbotham, Katti Ifju, Andrea Johnson, Laurie Kerns, Keith King, Barbara Krutchkoff, Lael Lambe, Cathy Lile, Pam Linkous, Scutter Lowe, Becky Marsh, Jennie McCollum, Suzanne McNair, Kathy Mischke, Suzanne Mullen, Lisa Neel, J.B. Obenchain, Leah O'Dell, Brenda Oliver, Rebecca Orr, Lisa Polly, Kim Price, Sheila Reyna, Melissa Roach, Thomas Rosenfeldt, Kathy Ross, Olga Ruiz, Sylvia Ruiz, (v. pres.), Kristen Saacke, Amy Schmidt, Pam Schmidt, Meredith Schnitzer, Janeen Schultz, Carl Schwertz, Alec Siegel, Audrey Siegel, Mary Hunter Smith (tres.), Dianne Stafford, Kelly Steffen, Robin Stombler, Robby Todd, Paul Tuennerman, Chris Turley, David Uttal, Sue Veit (pres.), Pat Weddle, Linda White, Paul Williams, Branwen Wright, Mara Wright, Sara Wortman.

and Gaining Experience



Climbing the wall. Mime troupe member Helen Bauer works on the moves of "The Wall," a beginning mime skit, where the performer outlines an imaginary wall with his hands.

The Theatre Arts Association has been dedicated to bringing quality performing arts to BHS. After losing its sponsor at the beginning of the year, Mrs. Deal assumed responsibility as the club's sponsor. Members started early to plan projects for the upcoming year.

For the One-Act Play Festival in March, they began preparations for BHS students to present a play. Two short plays were planned for spring. **Lovers in Midsummer** by Shakespeare and **The Cask of Armontillado** by Edgar Allan Poe were to be presented for the student body. Members also planned a full length production for May.

A group of talented students practiced many afternoons after school in order to form the Mime Troupe. Many appearances were scheduled for area elementary schools and community functions. Troupers wore special make-up and costumes which coordinated with routines.

TAA Officers. Cliff Bryant (v. pres.), Rick Lechowich (pres.), Mary Sword (sec.-tres.).

TAA. Front: Charles Layman, Kurt Issel, John Harman, Kristi Burleson, Kirsten Moore, Beth Wiggert, Amy Williams, Christa Jenssen, Cathey Brinson, Glenda Miller, Laura Zelazny, Jenny Merkel, Helen Bauer, Elizabeth Brown, Andrea Lambert, Cybele Daley, Leigh Cook, Chris Marin, Jocelyn VandeBerg. **Middle:** Charlie Barnett, Mike Bame, Bruce Harrison, Stoney Bolte, Henrika Dyck, Sarah Cross, Sarah Starling, Karen Shaw, Mattie Quensenberry, Linda Ruszler, Kathey McGee, Sylvia Field, Lynnette Hankins, Katti Ifju, Charles Young, Joe Sandoval. **Back:** Rick Lechowich, Mary Sword, Cliff Bryant, Susan Edmonds, Carol Troutman, Buck Matherly, Greg Pirkle, Jamie Bollinger, Robert Johnson, Phillip Shotts, David Slayton, Peter West, Lisa Smith, Lori Kirk, Steven Brinlee, John Hay, Alan Wolf, Barbara Hopkins, Brenda Eaves, Regina Berger, Loni Anderson.

Half Time Fun

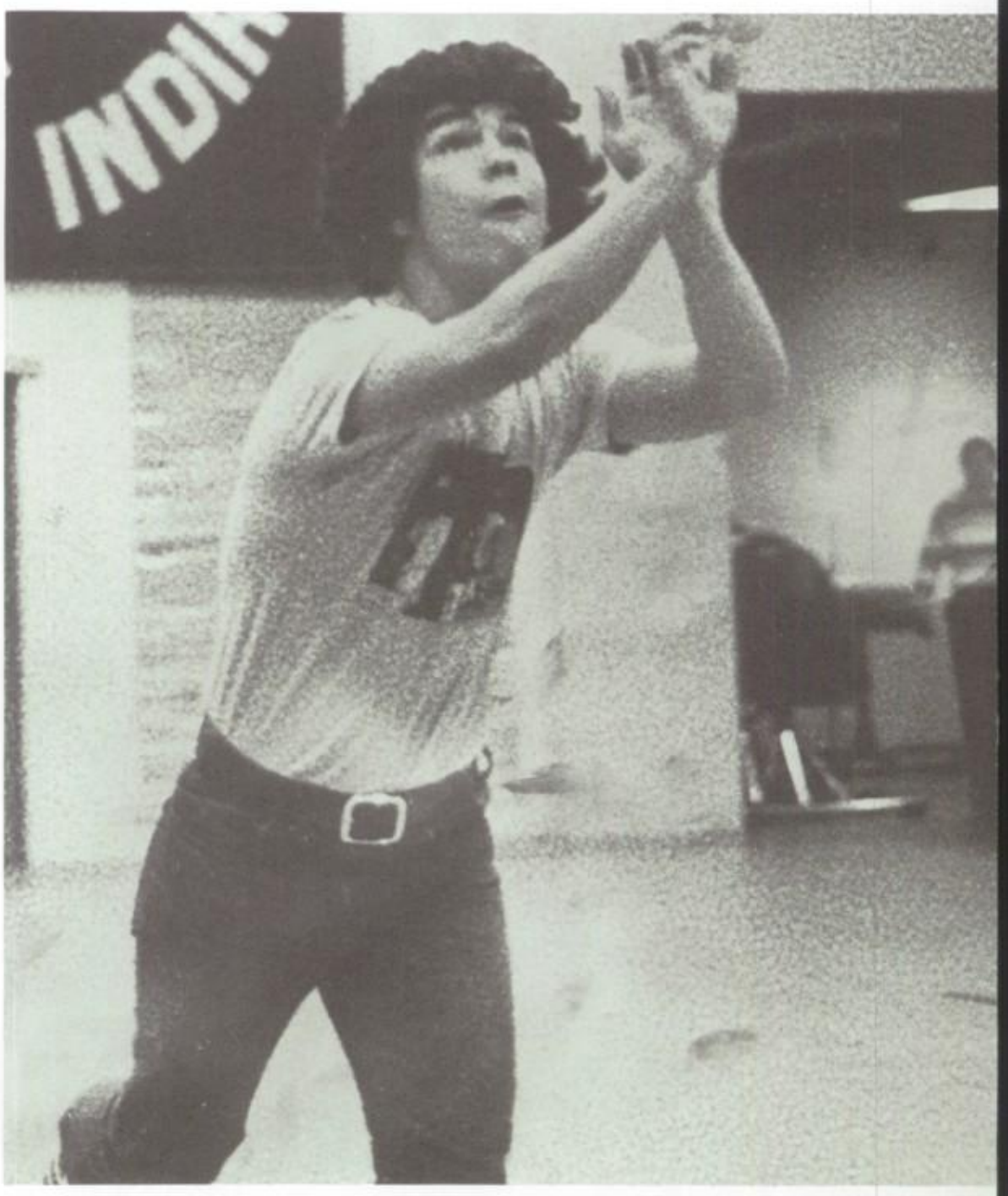
The Boys' Monogram Club was very active last year. The club was in hopes of making up for some acitivities lost during the preceding school year due to roof conditions.

The Boys' Monogram Club was responsible for keeping the student parking lot clean in the fall of the first semester.

The club also represented the student body to basketball game officials. Before each home basketball game two members of the Boys' Monogram Club would meet with the officials. As well as doing this the club sponsored a Half Court Shooting Contest during half time of each home basketball game. All students were invited to enter the competition.

During the spring the club planned to sponsor a weight lifting meet among district schools and a See-Saw Marathon to raise money.

The prerequisite for becoming a member of the Boys' Monogram Club was to have earned a varsity "B" letter.

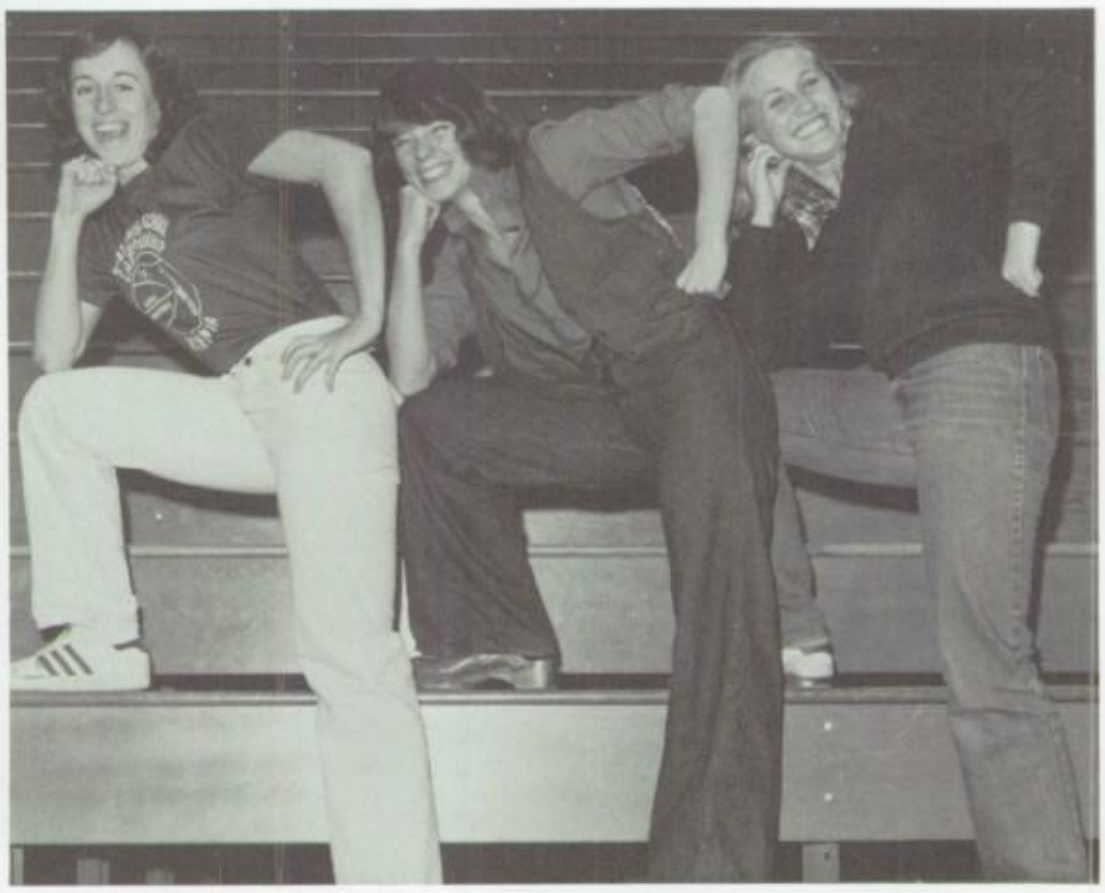


Perfect Shot. Scutter Lowe shows his skill at half court shooting during half time of a home basketball game. The competition is sponsored by the Boys' Monogram Club.

Boys' Monogram Roster. Billy Akers, Mike Atwell, Craig Blevins, Eddie Bowyer, Quintin Burch, Randall Burch, Brian Camper, Bill Christopher, Kevin Clevenger, Mike Coleman, Mark Dymock, Lee Flowers, Stuart Galyean, Marty Gibson, Allen Hale, Frank Hale, Mark Hill, Robert Houska, Glen Huffman, Joel Hutcheson, Bobby Hypes, Peter Ifju, Brooks Johnston, Randy Kates, Joe Keller, Greg Keys, Monte Matusevich, Tony McGuyer, Page Moir, Ged Moody, Scott Mullen, John Paterson, Chris Porter, Pat Price, Greg Puckett, Doug Rockey, Jeff Schmidt, Eddie Sherman, David Skelly, Tony Smith, Darren Steiss, Clark Strickland, Stuart Taylor, Eric Teske, R.L. Testerman, James Torgersen, Jimmy Underwood, Robert Van de Vuurst, Joe Weber, Gary Weddle, Mike Wohlford.

Gymnastics. Front: Chris Klobus, Katy Mason, Cindy Kornegay, Erin Litschert. **Second:** Christine Petrecca, Christa Arnold, Beth Bennett, Shelley Bowker. **Third:** Sylvia Ruiz, Tammy Grimes, Denise Snell, Barbara Skutt, Terri Cupp. **Back:** Melissa Maybury, Kelly Bellas, Cammie Dugger, Dianne Atwell.

Volleyball. Front: Lynne Collins, Bronie Reynolds, Kay Robinson. **Back:** Diane Burleson, Cathy Munson, Lori Cathey, Amy Sanchez.



Officers. Shelley Bowker (v. pres.), Karen McNitt (pres.), Tammy Grimes (tres.).

Girls Tackle Sweetheart Dance

Track. Front: Cindy Kornegay, Kathylynn Barranco, Kristen Saacke, Barbara Krutchkoff, Amy Bellas. **Second:** Lisa Saville, Amy Eller, Sandy Collins, Christen Zweifel, Vicky Griffin, Katy Mason. **Third:** Erin Litschert, Kathy Allen, Sue Dellers, Susie Houska. **Back:** Karen McNitt, Barbara Skutt, Theresa Price, Denise Snell, Cammie Dugger, Dianne Atwell, Terri Cupp.

Basketball. Front: Shelley Bowker, Karen McNitt, Cammie Dugger. **Middle:** Bronie Reynolds, Lynne Collins, Marlena Ackerman, Scarlett Schneider, Sandy Collins, Kay Robinson. **Back:** Sylvia Ruiz, Olga Ruiz, Kathy Allen, Lori Cathey, Theresa Price, Cathy Munson.

The Blacksburg High School Girls' Monogram Club planned many activities this past year.

At Christmas they planned to prepare food baskets for the needy. They also planned to support winter intramurals, but due to the weather the plans fell through.

However, spring intramurals were on the drawing board. In addition, the club planned to sponsor a Sweetheart Dance and a Junior-Senior speedball game.

The only requirement for becoming a member of the Girls' Monogram Club was to have received a varsity "B" letter.

NHS Contributes to

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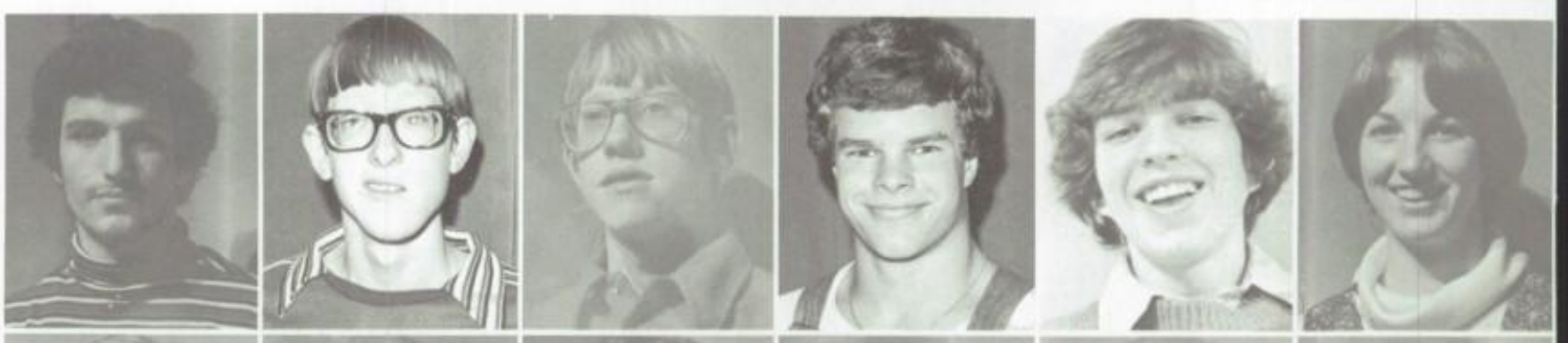

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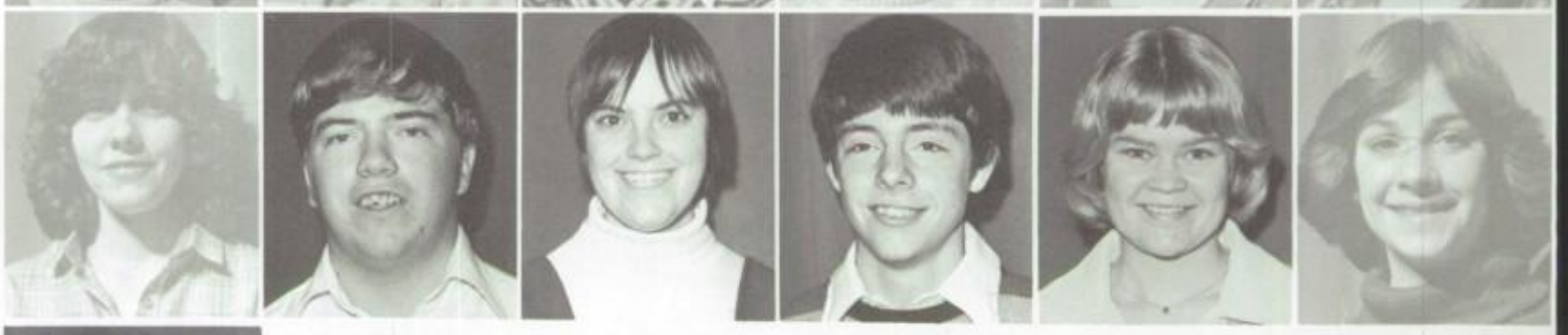


Rick Lechowich

Jo-Anne Lee

Induction Ceremony. National Honor Society members Andrea Johnson, Cliff Bryant, Buck Matherly, Lloyd Bishop, and Olga Ruiz help tap in the new members in the December induction for seniors. The four candles represent the qualifications for membership: service, scholarship, leadership, and character.

Camp Easter Seal

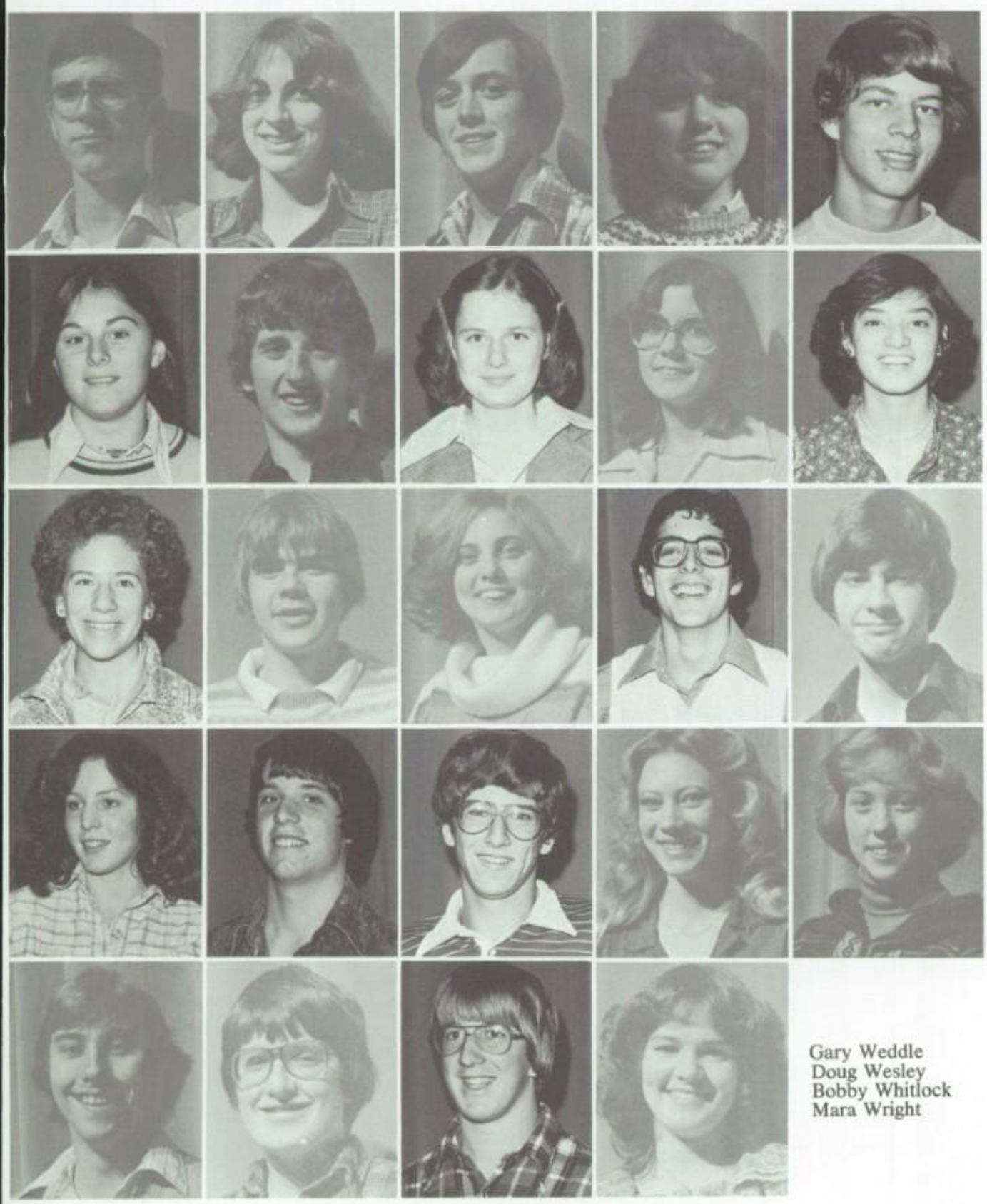
The NHS has been dedicated to promoting enthusiasm for service and scholarship and encouraging the development of leadership and character among high school students. The faculty chose students who demonstrated these qualities and a 3.3 grade point average to become members. Each spring the NHS has inducted eligible juniors, and eligible seniors were inducted the following fall.

The major undertaking for the Blacksburg High chapter of the NHS was raising money for Easter Seal. Members sold stationery to students, faculty, and the community in order to raise money for the cause. They planned to conduct an assembly in the spring and donate the proceeds to Camp Easter Seal.

At the Spring Awards Assembly, the National Honor Society presented letters to juniors who had exhibited academic excellence thus far in their high school careers.

At the end of each six weeks, the NHS compiled an honor roll of all students who made a 3.5 grade average and distributed copies to each BHS classroom.

Members planned to get together in the spring for an end-of-the-year picnic.



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Alec Siegel
David Slayton

Lisa Smith
James Torgersen
David Uttal
Jocelyn VandeBerg
Sue Veit

Gary Weddle
Doug Wesley
Bobby Whitlock
Mara Wright

Ken —
We've had a blast these past 5 years we've known each other. I'm glad I got to know you. I still can't get over your comparison of Mrs Sumner to a butterball turkey! Wild imagination! Keep wild over summer and I'll see ya some next year. I'll be in the Architecture bidding at Teck trying to figure out what I'm supposed to be doing?!
Friends Always,
(Ha Dodger Fan)

Last year was the Debate Club's third year at BHS and during it student interest continued to grow. This club was an academic organization whose purpose was to engage in research and to improve the members' skills in public speaking. The club also helped students gain knowledge in issues of contemporary importance. Debate competition, which consisted of a regulated discussion of a given topic, was an important aspect of the club's activity.

Members of the 1978-79 debate team won their second consecutive district title last year and then continued on to participate in regional competition. The team also competed in several invitational tournaments, including the Meadowbrooke Invitational Tournament in Richmond, Virginia.

Debate Club. Front: Janet Allen, Patti McGrath, Laura Muller. **Middle:** James Baker, David Uttal, Curtis Mo, Rick Lechowich, Robert Johnson, Ted Hartenstein, Ray Allen, Jr. **Back:** Kirk Wortman, Tony Maderspach.

Students Have Their Say

Say it with feeling. Vicky Higginbotham rehearses a piece by James Thurber to prepare her for prose reading in local competition.

Forensics Club. Front: Marshall Elson, Amy Kassem, Rosie Broderick, Robin Stombler, Cathey Brinson. **Middle:** Carol Troutman, Melissa Maybury, Sheila Reyna, Barbara Tillman, Beth Gerken, Anita Ghosh, Vicky Higginbotham, Lisa Layman. **Back:** Alison Bernd, Laurie Jarrett, Paul Williams, Robert Johnson, Christa Arnold, Cindy Kornegay, Patti-Anne Barranco, Alex Trower, Julie Phillips.

The Forensics Club was involved with many aspects of literary presentation. The club consisted of students interested in the areas of creative writing and public speaking. Members of this organization competed in school, district, regional, state, and various invitational meets throughout the year. The categories of competition included prose reading, poetry reading, original oratory, extemporaneous speaking, and spelling. Each of these areas was divided into boys' and girls' events.

Last year, one of the important tournaments the Forensics Club participated in was the Seven State Invitational Tournament of Champions. The members of the club brought home many awards, including trophies, certificates of excellence, and certificates of superiority, in various areas of competition.

SC Strives to Improve BHS

The Student Council's main purpose was to serve as a liason between the students, the faculty, and the administration. This organization was made up of five representatives from each grade plus officers. The Council met during fourth period every day.

During their meetings, the members discussed suggestions submitted by the student body. They also planned projects to benefit BHS and its students.

To start the year, the Student Council held a "Welcome Back Dance" on Saturday, September 9. This informal dance, which was hosted by a V-105 Disc Jockey, served its purpose of reacquainting the students after summer vacation.

Another contribution of the Council was the revision of the Student Handbook. Student Directories were made available to students. These directories consisted of the addresses and phone numbers of the students who wanted their names to be included in it.

As in past years, the Student Council sponsored a Christmas and Valentine post office which enabled students to send their friends cards. The Student Council also was responsible for all school-wide elections, including Homecoming Queen and Court, Spring Festival King and Queen and Attendants, and Student Council representatives.

One of the Council's new projects was the operation of candy sales during all three lunch periods. Various types of candy were sold to students for two cents a piece. The Council also sold school supplies to students before school and during lunch.

Twenty-five clocks were purchased by the Student Council and distributed to various rooms throughout the school. This was an important project, for there was a great need for more clocks at BHS.

The Council also headed several contests throughout the year. Dave Davis was crowned King Turkey for the King/Queen Turkey Contest held by the Student Council in November. They also held a Pick 'N' Win Basketball Contest, in which students tried to pick the winners of the following week's games, be they district high school, town league, or Virginia Tech games. Each week the Council picked the winner from the entries submitted.

Executive Council. Front: Lori Lavery (treas.), Sylvia Ruiz (jr. member-at-large), Patti-Anne Barranco (soph. member-at-large), Bill Acuff (sr. member-at-large). **Back:** Kristen Saacke (rep.), Olga Ruiz (sec.), Clark Strickland (pres.), Carl Schwertz (v. pres.), Bruce Harrison (parl.).

Student Council. Front: Olga Ruiz, Bruce Harrison, Carl Schwertz, Clark Strickland. **Second:** Kris Leighton, Vicky Brown, Dave Rockey, Lisa Layman. **Third:** Lori Lavery, Amy Bellas, Joe Cole, John Harman, Patti-Anne Barranco. **Fourth:** Kristen Saacke, Amy Eller, Jeff Schmidt, Mike Wohlford, Rick Louthan. **Back:** David Ficenec, Eric Ritchey, Becky Worner, Mr. Syer (sponsor), Bill Acuff, Sylvia Ruiz. **Not pictured:** Barbara Krutchkoff.

Candyman. Freshman student council representative Vicky Brown sells penny candy to her classmates during lunch.

Office Workers. Front: Janice Sink, Rebecca De Busk, Lisa Meyer, Janee Schultz, Kathy Pascoe Lynn Pascoe, Tamm White. **Back:** Catherin Lile, Maleta Sheppard Karen Perfater, Julie Phi lips, Mattie Quesenberry Amy Walters.

Helping out in the office Angie Moore signs out stu dents who have early dis missals.

Office workers had many different jobs to do, but none of them were overwhelming. The main purpose of their job was to take care of small tasks so that Mr. Kelsey, Mr. Laughlin, the secretaries, and the guidance counselors could concentrate on the more important aspects of their jobs.

Students in the main office first period were responsible for alphabetizing the absentee cards, summoning students to the office, and double checking to make sure the early dismissal and excuses were sorted.

Fourth period main office workers also had special duties which included putting absentee cards in the teachers' mailboxes, sorting mail, and taking messages to students. The main job of other main office workers was to bring students from their classes to the office.

The main duty of the guidance office workers was to make sure that students signed in. They also filed college catalogs and information in the career catalog, answered phones, and took messages. Jobs that took them outside the office were giving messages to teachers, putting notices in the teachers' mailboxes, and working at the career center in the library.

Students Share Responsibility

Library Club. Front: Lisa Watterson, Connie Woolwine, Lynn Pascoe, Debbie Linkous, Elaine Winters, Lisa Graves. **Back:** Gayle Mason, Mrs. Burchard, Robert Donathan, Paul Benoit, Miss Sammons. **Not Pictured:** Marsha Linkous.

Read On. Debbie Linkous, surrounded by books helps out in the library.

Students who wanted to learn mor about how a library worked had an excel lent opportunity to do so by joining th Library Club. Members were given chance to work in the library and hel the school librarians, Miss Sammons an Mrs. Burchard. Duties included filin cards, checking out books, and returnin books to the shelves.

Telling It Like It Is

Tattle Tale. Front: Lisa Onega (features), Denise Eaves (ads), Lloyd Bishop (features ed.), Pam Linkous (features), Mr. Van Dyke (sponsor), Jean Isani (features). **Back:** Doug Wesley (features ed.), Bobby Whitlock (sports ed.), Tammy Grimes (ed.-in-chief), Joel Gibbs (art ed.), Jim Frederick (photographer), Diane Eaves (ads ed.). **Not Pictured:** Peter Hardell, Doug Herakovich.

The BHS newspaper, the **Tattle Tale,** was a self-sufficient publication. Its staff was entirely composed of BHS students. Many of Mr. Van Dyke's journalism students, although not on the staff, also contributed articles. The **Tattle Tale** was a monthly publication which was offered to students free of charge, unlike in past years.

The staff had great amounts of work to do in order to publish the **Tattle Tale.** Staffers strived to report on all major happenings at BHS. The newspaper also did many feature articles, including movie and album reviews. Because of the enormous effort put forth by staff members, the **Tattle Tale** was able to extend its length.

The staff tried to maintain a balance between sports coverage, feature articles, and important school events by adding more feature articles. Some of these included a write-up on Montgomery County's famous weatherman, Herman Bandy, an informative article on the history of Blacksburg, and various student surveys.

To further their knowledge in the various areas of publication, members of the **Tattle Tale** staff, along with members of the **Pow Wow** staff, attended the Virginia High School League Publications Workshop. This event was held at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville during the weekend of October 28. The group attended many informative workshops in the areas of layout, designing, reporting, publication, and photography.

Work Completed. Pam Linkous, feature writer, reads over an issue of the **Tattle Tale.** After the paper comes back from the printer the staff members have to assemble the separate pages to make the complete paper.

One of the issues of the **Tattle Tale** was submitted to be judged in state-wide competition by the VHSL. It received a commendable second place. After a profitable, yet fun-filled weekend, the staff returned to Blacksburg to put its newly gained knowledge into effect.

For Me? Lloyd Bishop, feature staff co-editor, hands the latest edition of the newspaper to Chris King.

Pow Wow — "We Do It All For You"

Decisions, decisions. Co-editor Rebecca DeBusk looks at examples of Formatt in order to decide which style of headline to use in individual sections of the yearbook.

Writing, whether it be copy or captions, is an important part of putting together a yearbook. Co-editor Andrea Johnson writes an announcement to inform students of pictures to be taken.

Pow Wow Editors. Front: Patty Skelly, Martha Foy, Robin Stombler. **Middle:** Rebecca Hay, Patti McGrath, Barbara Tillman, Anna Frary. **Back:** Rebecca DeBusk, Andrea Johnson, Glenell Carson, Janis Mills, Leah Miller, Pat Frith, Carol Parsons.

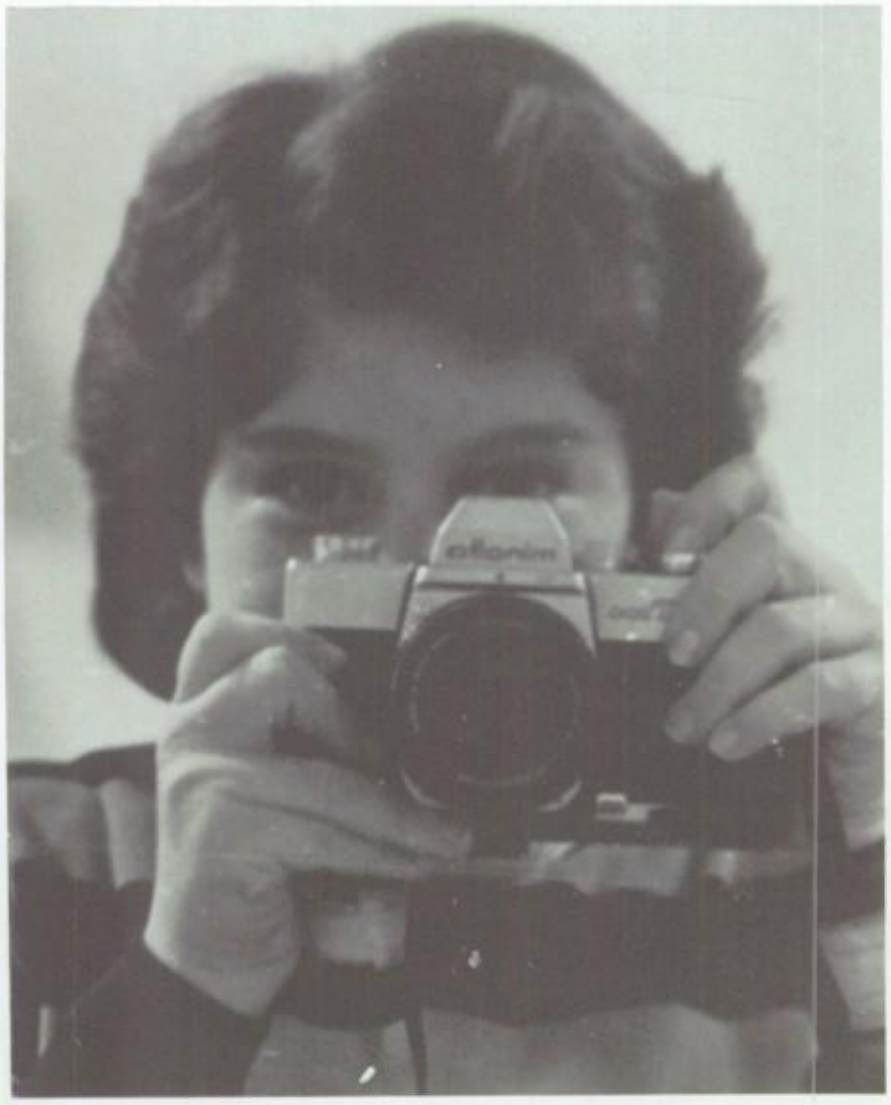
Sports. Gail Evans, Pat Frith, Chris Marin, Shelley Bowker, Barbara Tillman, Amy Eller.

Miscellaneous. Front: John Harman, Barbara Krutchkoff, Robin Stombler, Chris Berry. **Back:** Janis Mills, Heather Hoskisson, Anna Frary, Patty Skelly.

Student Life/Classes. Perri Strawn, Shelley Bame, Cheryl Pacetti, Leah Miller, Henrika Dyck, Caroline Lile, Carol Parsons.

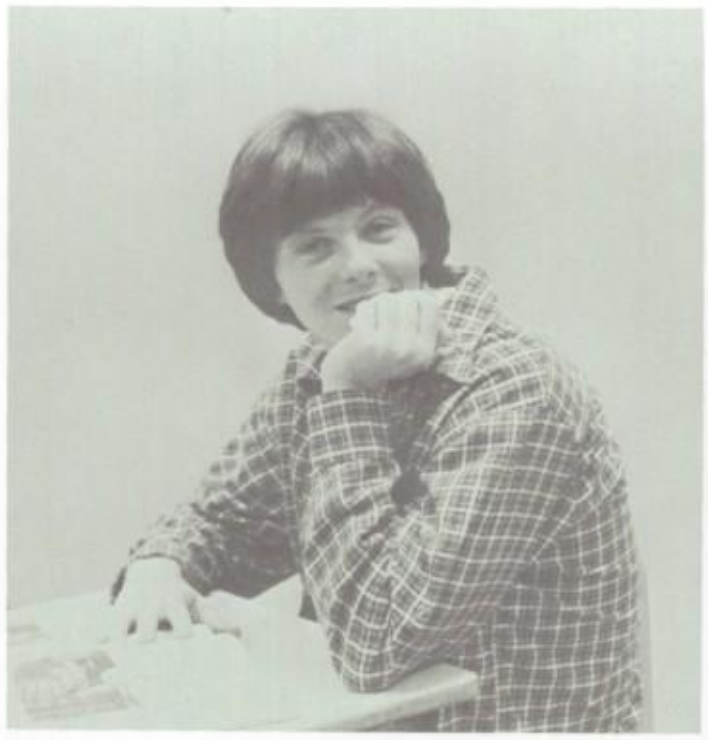
Resting at last, Rebecca Hay is glad another campaign for selling ads is successfully completed.

Between deadlines, Anna Frary is thankful for time to go over all previously completed pages in order to compile the index.



Self-portrait. Robin Stombler demonstrates the art of self photography, using mirrors. Along with the rest of the staff photographers, Robin is responsible for taking and developing many of the pictures appearing in the yearbook.

Pow Wow Places First at VHSL



Fearless Leader. Pow Wow advisor Mr. Sellers is pleased that the last picture is cropped at what seems like an endless deadline, even though he is left with blisters from all the cropping.

Faculty/Clubs/Editors. Front: Elizabeth Wills, Patti McGrath, Anna Frary. **Back:** Caroline Krebs, Glenell Carson, Andrea Johnson, Laurie Jarrett, Rebecca DeBusk, Candi Cupp.

Layout Plans. Shelley Bame, Leah Miller, Henrika Dyck, and Perri Strawn go over ideas and layouts during a deadline for the student life section.

A glimmer of hope. Pow Wow advisor Miss Pauley is grateful as the end of another deadline of proofing copy is finally in sight.

Compared with last year, the 1979 **Pow Wow** was relatively easy to put together. Naturally, the fact that there was no longer a roof problem figured heavily in the process of publishing the yearbook. In fact, part of the theme was based on this almost forgotten "umbrellaless" condition.

In spite of the difficulties the 1978 staff encountered, it did not stop the book from doing well in the Virginia Publications juding which was held in Charlottesville. The book took a first place with a score only fifteen points short of the trophy level.

With this bit of encouragement, section editors and assistants set out to effectively chronicle another year's events. Several school days were interrupted by picture-taking sessions, and during many lunch periods the ads editor and business manager could be seen downtown trying to convince local businesses to buy space in the book.

Even with careful planning and organization, each deadline presented a series of after-school and weekend workshops. The **Pow Wow** room positively roared with the clattering of the typewriters and the social studies department became the home base for staff members drawing layouts and writing copy.

Tempers occasionally grew short when at the last minute a vital picture was discovered to be missing or the proofs came back with dozens of tiny spelling errors, but, in general, friendly relations prevailed. Some of the rough spots were smoothed over by the "quick energy" received from such foods as M&M's and Butterfingers.

In order to make the 1979 **Pow Wow** a successful book, the staff greatly depended upon the support of the students and faculty. Everyone who lended a hand by contributing information, pictures, or even encouragement was immensely appreciated.

Deadline decisions. Miss Pauley, Mr. Sellers, and editors Andrea Johnson and Rebecca DeBusk decide on how to crop pictures that will appear in the yearbook.

Typists/Ads/Artist. Front: Debbie Vaden, Holly Neel. **Back:** Robin Uhr, Martha Foy, Rebecca Hay, Wendy Slate.

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Business Manager	Patty Skelly
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Headline Setters	Martha Foy, Patty Skelly
Faculty	Patti McGrath (Ed.), Anna Frary, Laurie Jarrett, Caroline Krebs
Index	Anna Frary (Ed.), John Harman
Photography	Robin Stombler (Ed.), Barbara Krutchkoff, Chris Berry
Seniors	Janis Mills (Ed.), Heather Hoskisson
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The Sun Shines

Last year at the beginning of school I can remember how each yearbook section editor talked about all the "neat" things that he would do to make his particular section better than it had ever been. Everybody seemed so organized, especially the club editors who realized that forty pages of group shots, candids, captions, headlines, artwork, and body copy would be no easily completed job. Organization seemed to be the key word with club editors compiling list after list of reminders of things needed.

With clubs meeting three times a month during school hours and numerous times before and after school, all the job demanded was perseverence and dedication to get the work done. Pictures could be taken for two months on particular club days and related information could be gathered anytime before the second yearbook deadline scheduled for November 4.

Because everything seemed so ready — so easily achieved — I don't think I will ever forget how shocked I was to see all the organization dissolve in one day's time. On October 26, 1977, the roof at Blacksburg High School fell in, literally fell!

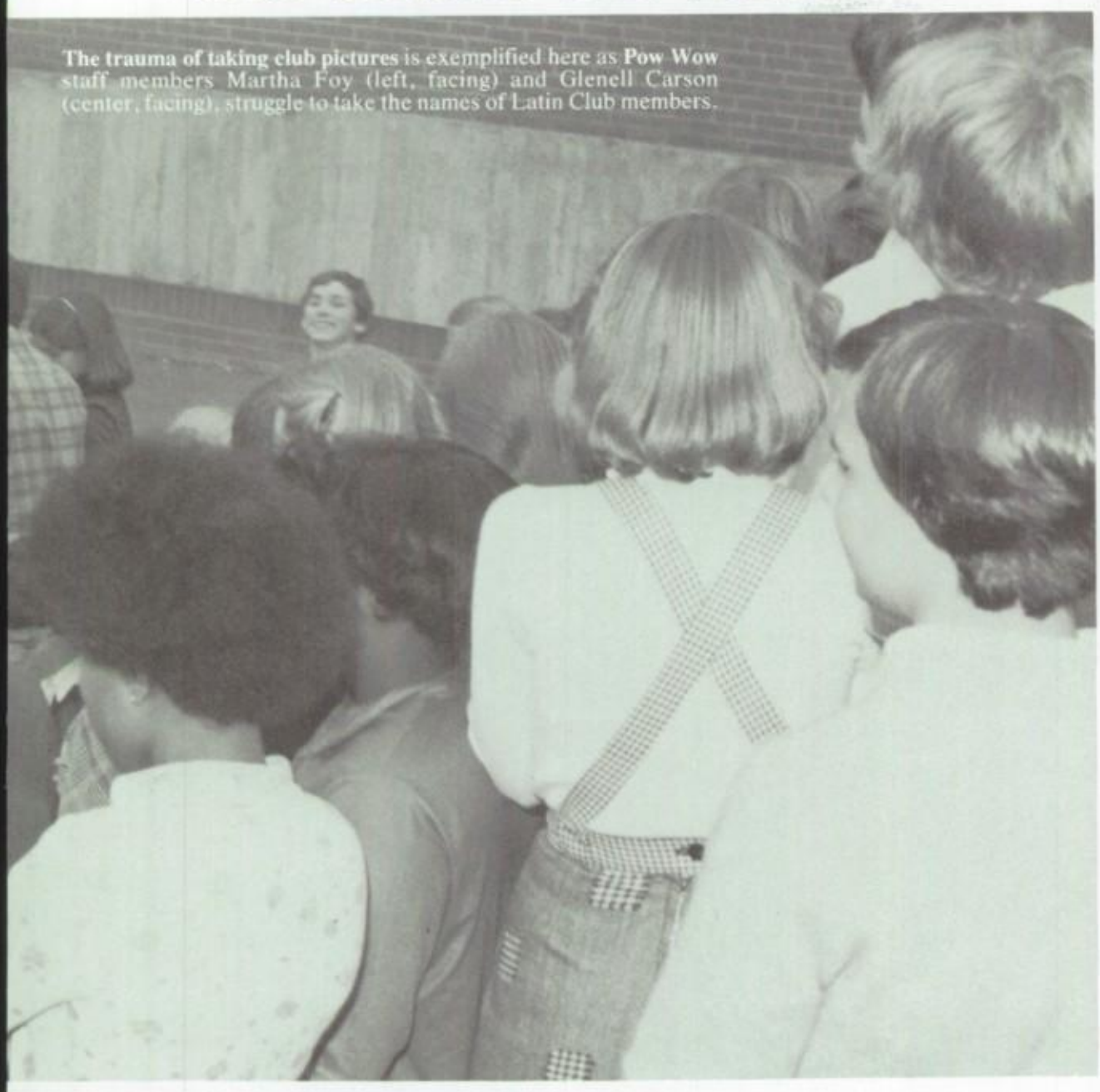
Administrators were busily trying to reschedule teachers and classrooms. Teachers were trying to move their "classrooms" to dry spots in the building. Students were enjoying the brief vacation until administrative plans for return to school were completed.

The **Pow Wow** staff was holding meetings to change nearly every well-laid plan that had been developed. The yearbook and its publication seemed to be such a minor problem in the immediate scheme of things to reopen school. The yearbook's problems were only commencing when everyone else was adjusting to the new situation.

The library, a major focal location of our school, would be permanently closed for the 1977-78 school session. An important location for clubs photography had been taken from us. Some thirty-one classrooms had to be reshuffled to the auditorium, stage, gym, and halls. All of these new classroom areas were formerly potential sites of club group shots. The **Pow Wow** staff seemed determined. We, together, would overcome the lack of "posing" space to complete our club section.

Off limits! Arrangements such as this "Do not enter" desk sign are common in the 1977-78 Blacksburg High School. Here, the majority of the school's halls are off limits to students.

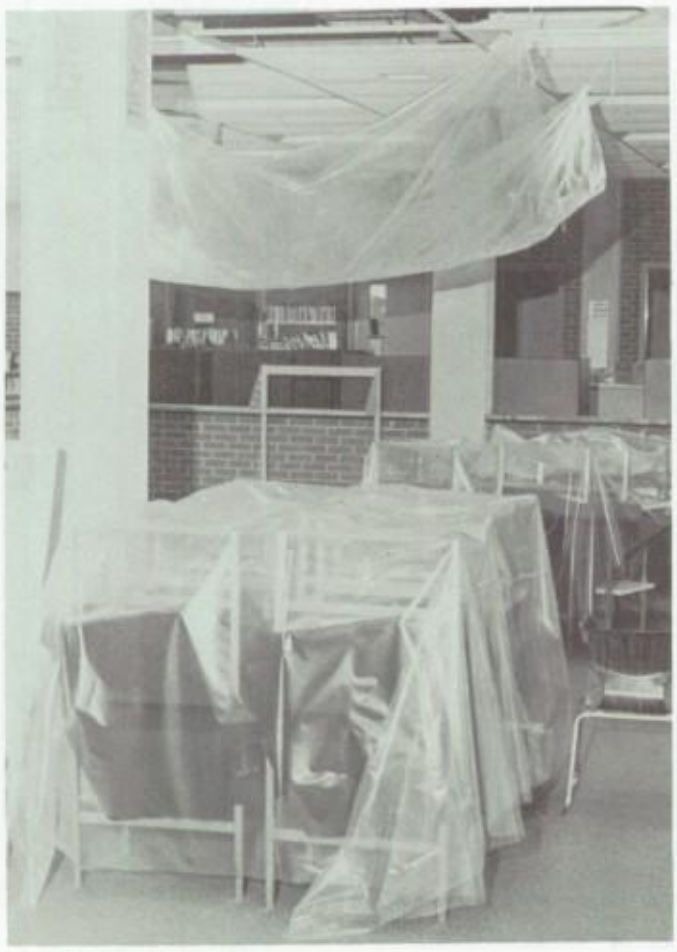
On Clubs At BHS



The trauma of taking club pictures is exemplified here as **Pow Wow** staff members Martha Foy (left, facing) and Glenell Carson (center, facing), struggle to take the names of Latin Club members.

Extra duties. With the collapse of the roof, normal school articles must serve a dual purpose. Chairs are used for blocking off dangerous areas and trash cans catch the dripping water.

The cause of inactivity. Total disarray reigns in the library and other parts of the school causing the 1977-78 club sessions to come to a halt.



It was not until a few days later that we were told that all clubs would be semi-disbanded for the remaining seven months of the school year. Forty pages of the 1978 **Pow Wow** lay before each of us on the staff as an imposing enemy. At that time we could not even mount a campaign against it. The problem was just that overwhelming.

Clubs, not meeting, would carry on no business; thus, there was to be no yearbook copy. Pictures could not be taken of groups that no longer met. Clubs also would not be able to afford space in the **Pow Wow** as they had previously.

Somehow, someway, but very, very late and with great financial cost to the yearbook, the club section was completed. I, as yet, have not realized how it was all accomplished. But as over one thousand 1978 **Pow Wow's** revealed, forty club pages were packed with much researched information, along with group shots and a limited amount of candids.

Last spring when I was elected as clubs editor for the 1979 **Pow Wow,** I was very apprehensive. Could I stand the pressure of completing the section under normal circumstances? Would the school plant be returned to normal by late August when it was to be reopened?

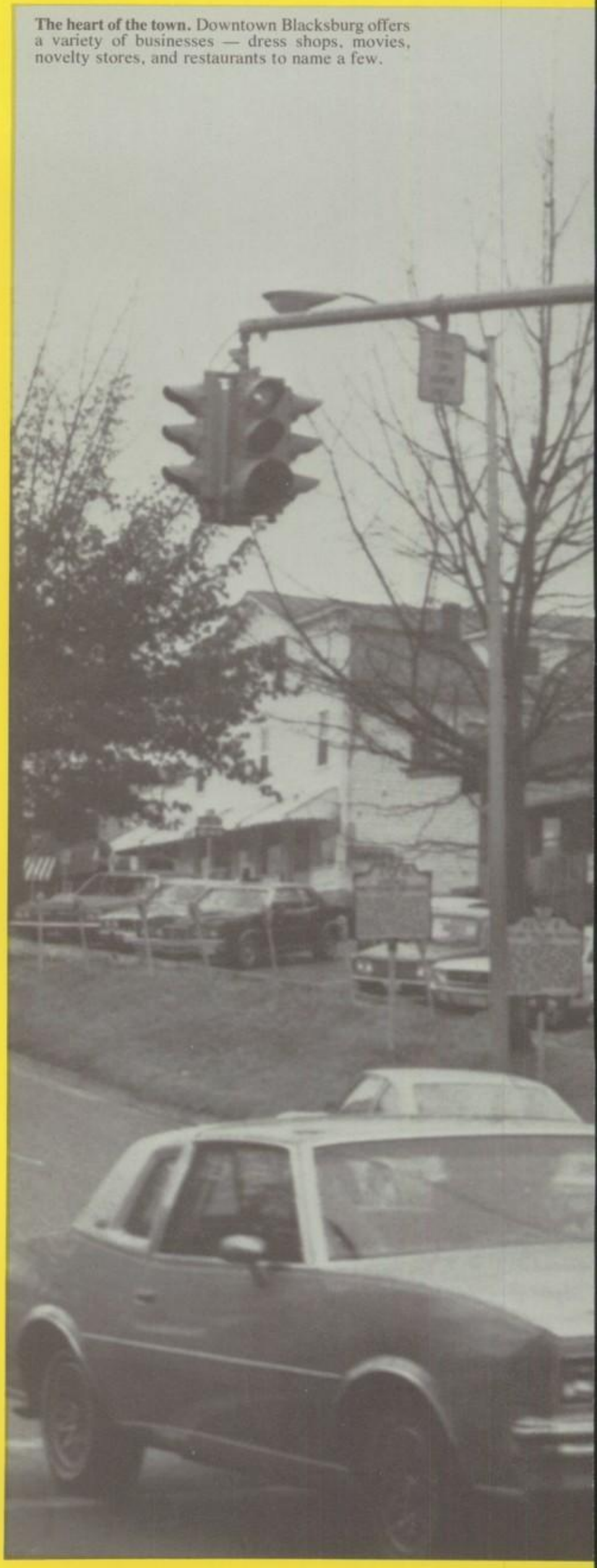
At the beginning of this year, everything appeared ready. Few problems existed in the school which caused chaos last year. This fall I began to plan and replan to ready myself for my forty page chore. To my relief, October 26, the first anniversary of the roof collapse, went by with no indication that the event would repeat itself.

I began to relax and was soon caught up in the hectic routine of laying out the clubs section.

With the roof fixed, clubs could once again meet and, better yet, could hold activities after school hours. For me, this meant an abundant supply of candid shots and plenty of information so the copy could give a comprehensive account of each group's major goals and achievements.

Finishing this, the last page of my section, has given me a feeling of accomplishment. I did it! I survived the forty page terror. I, of course, had help. The roof was my friend. The rains and snows were minimal, up to this point. I had no need for an umbrella. The sun was shining on clubs at BHS.

Just Try to Imagine Life Without Support



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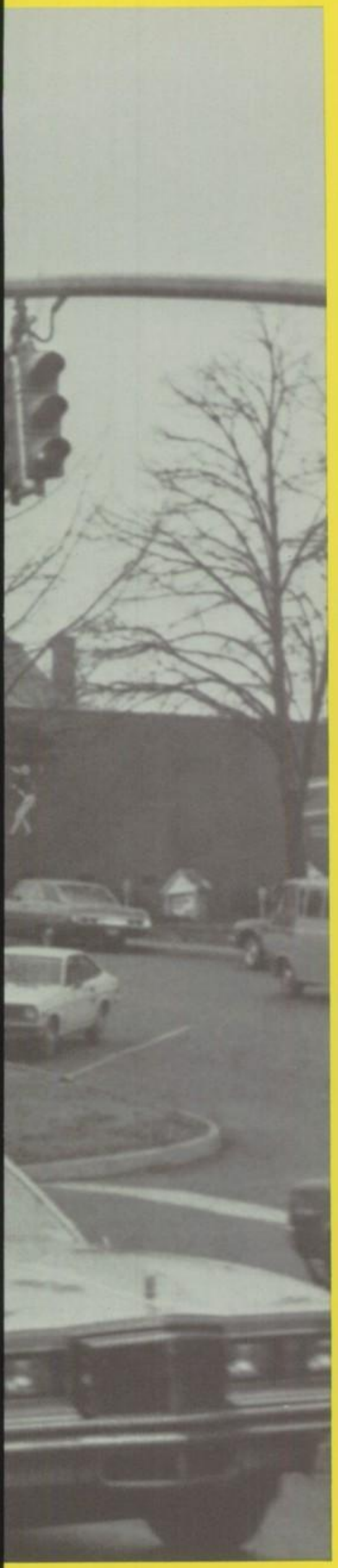

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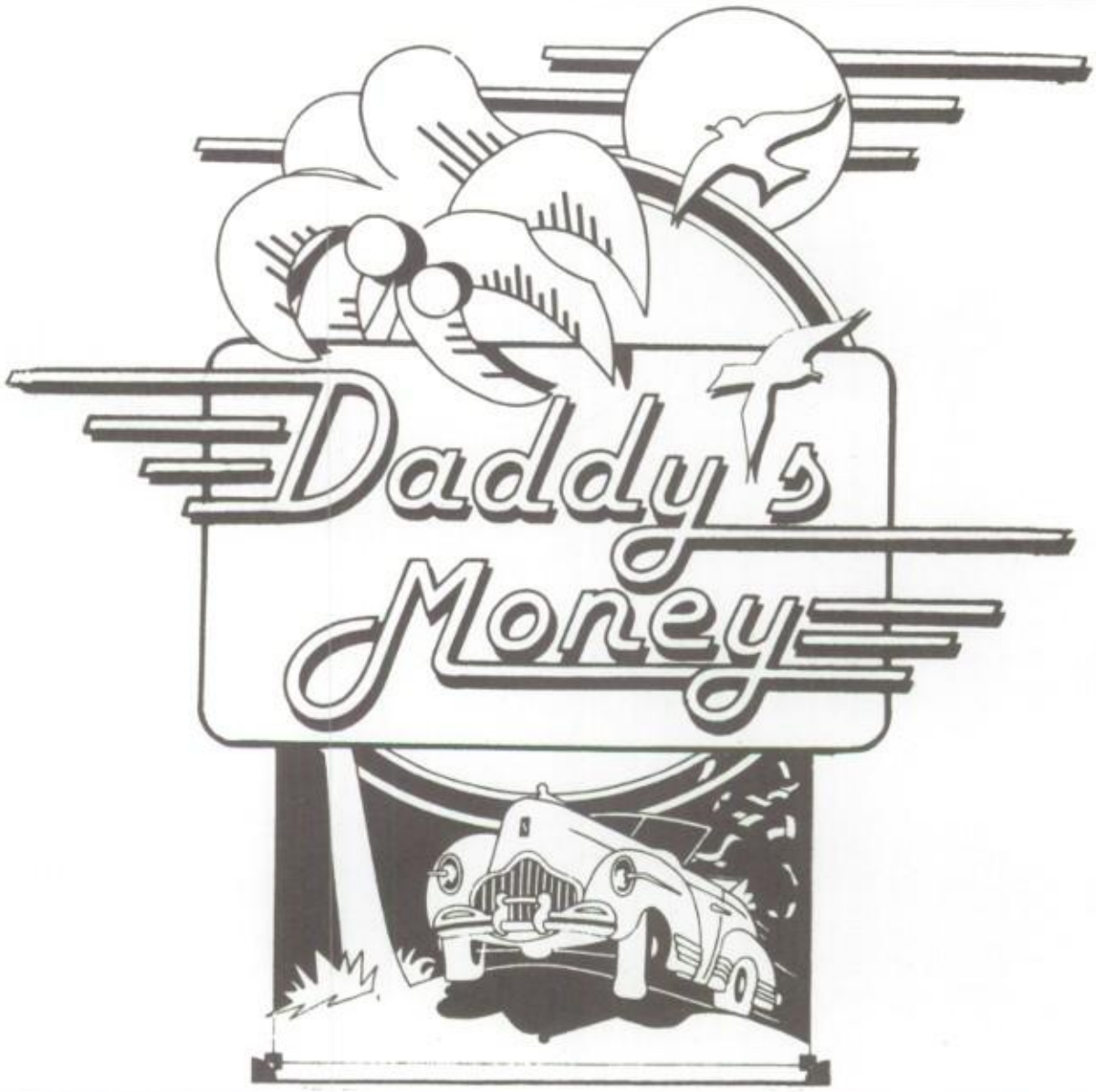

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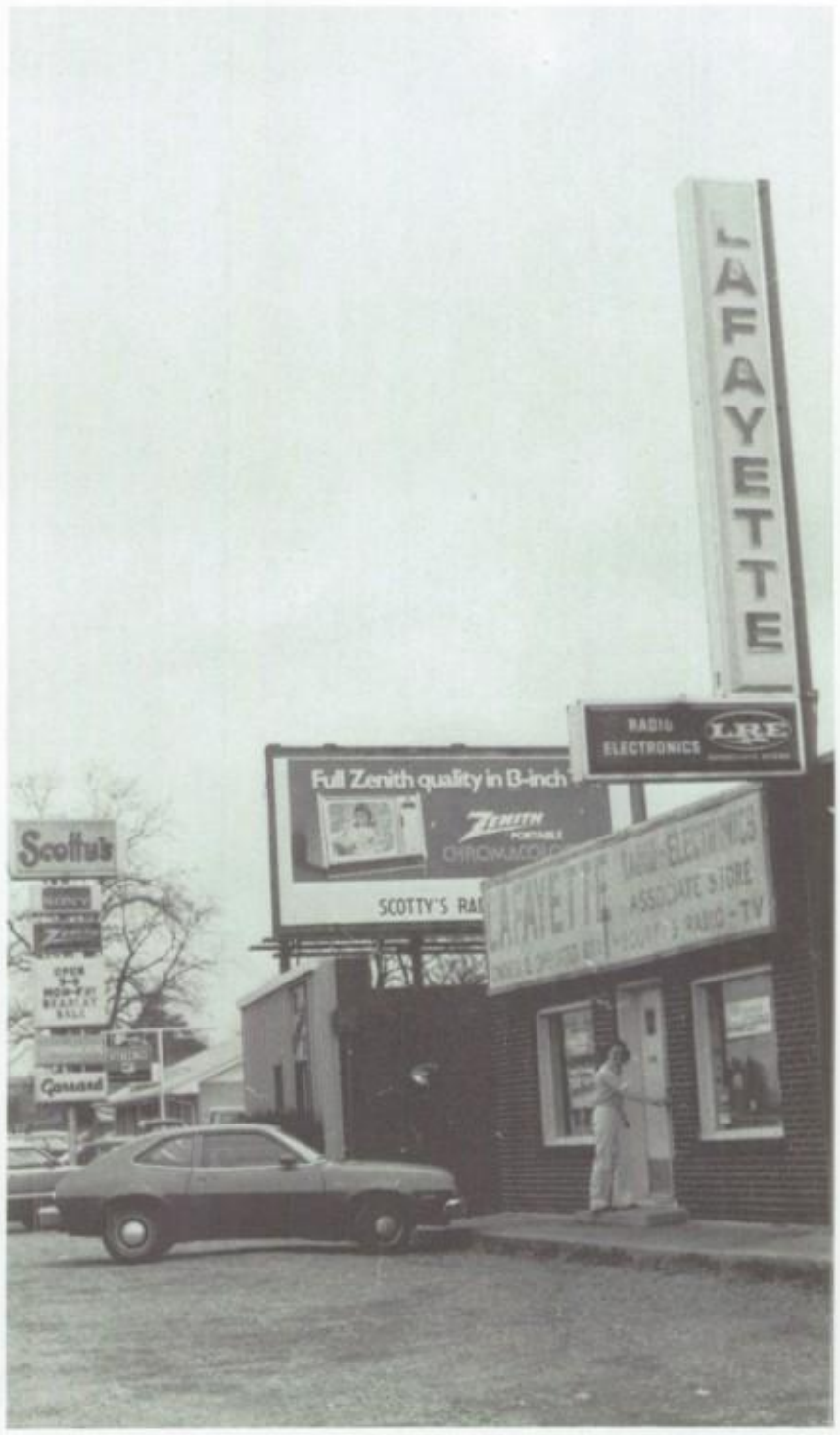

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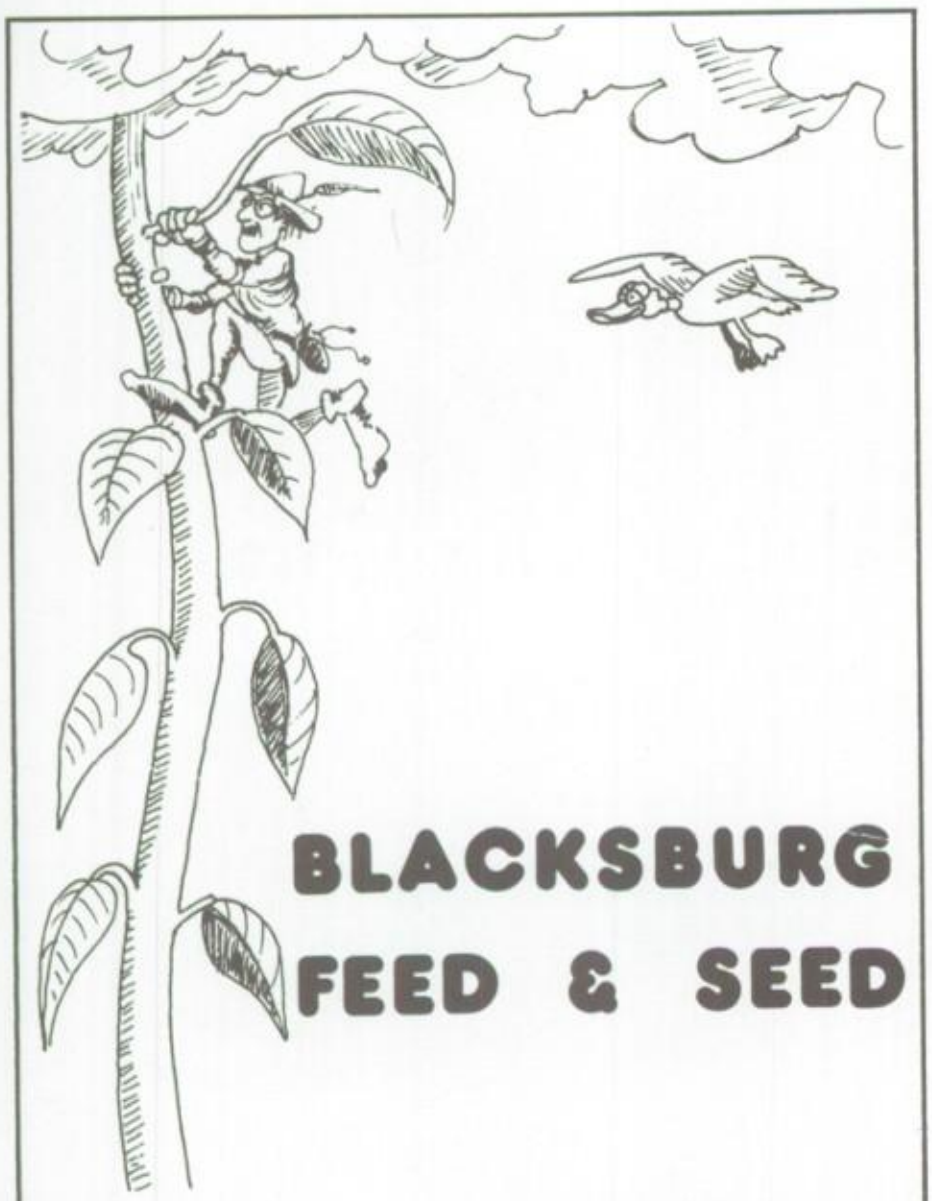

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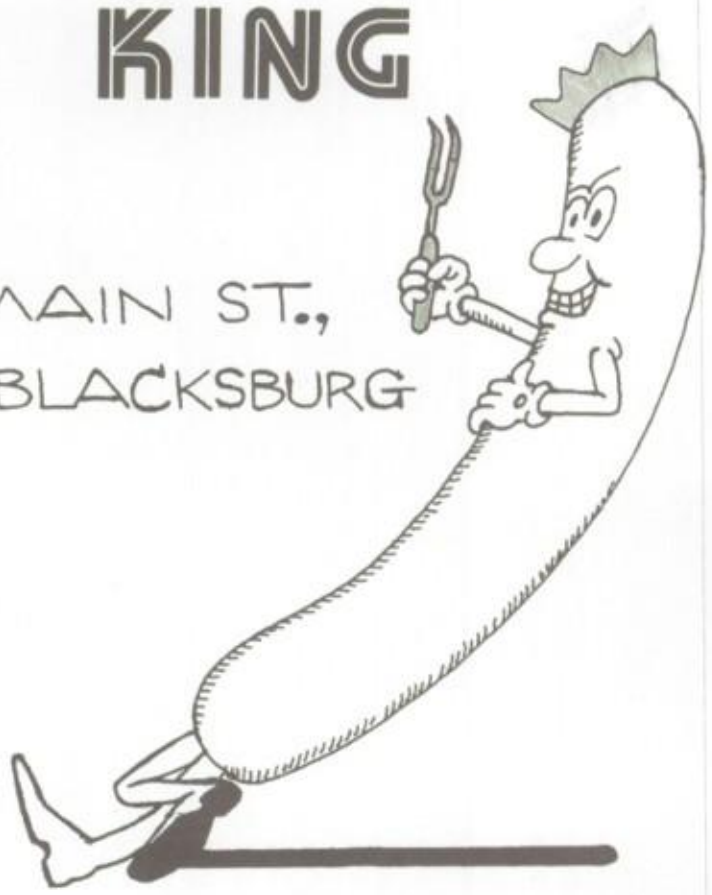

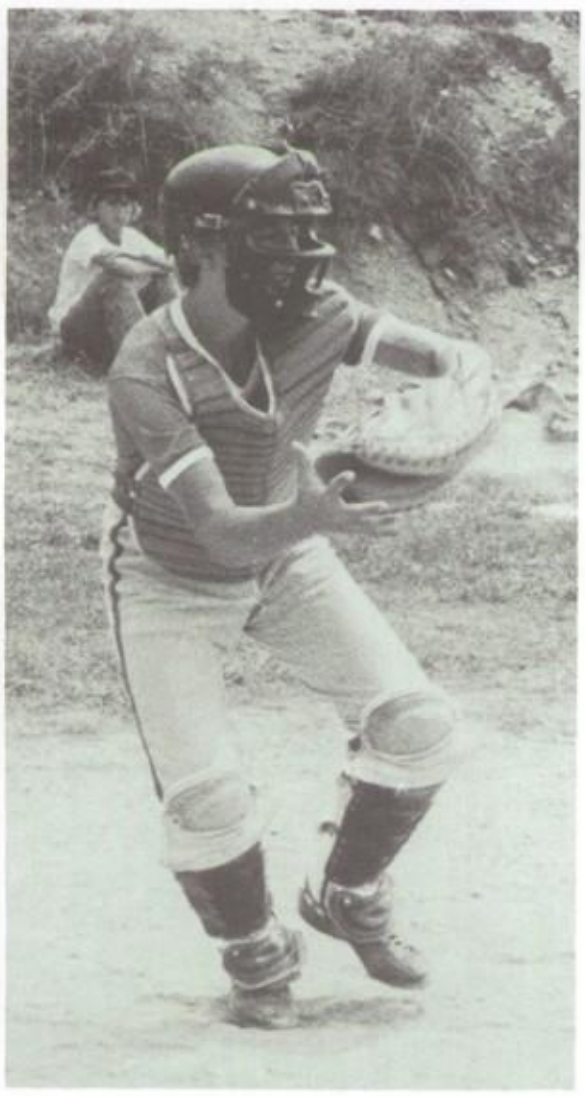

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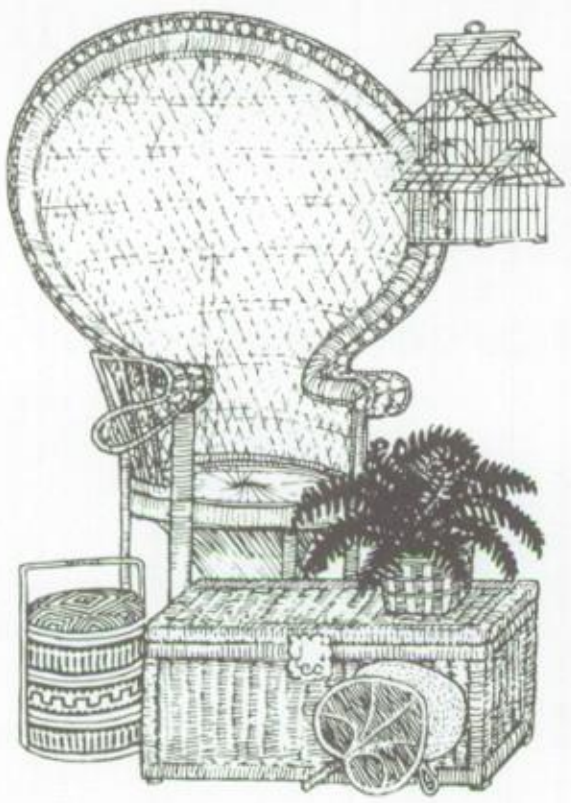

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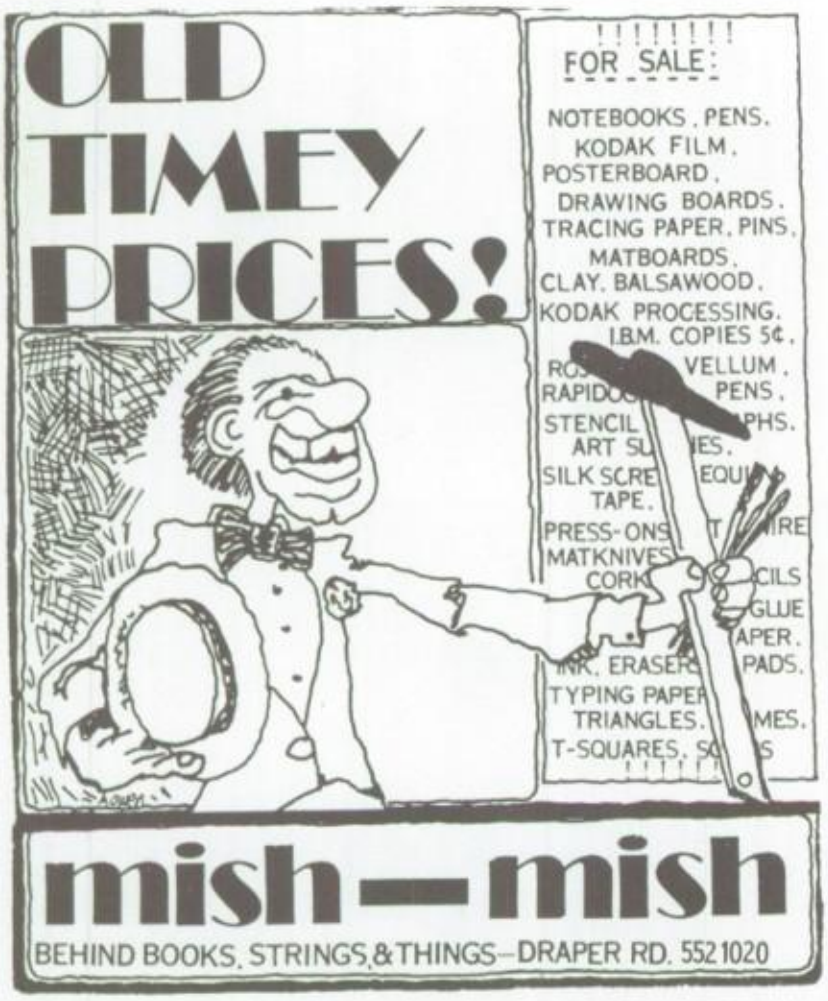

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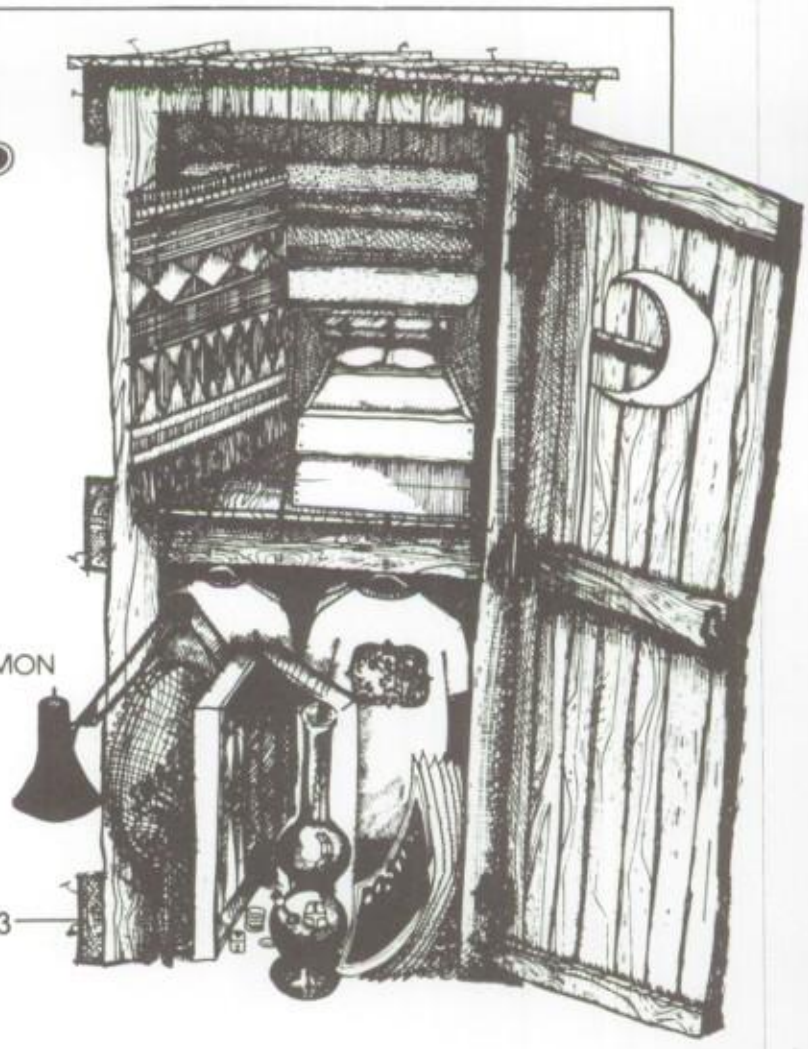

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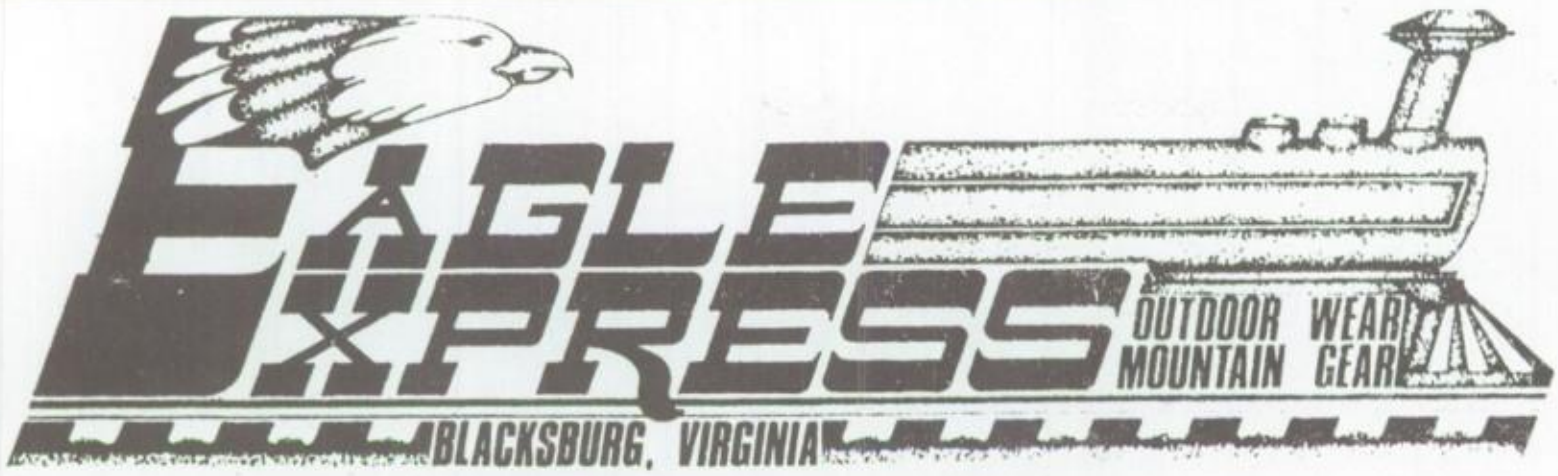

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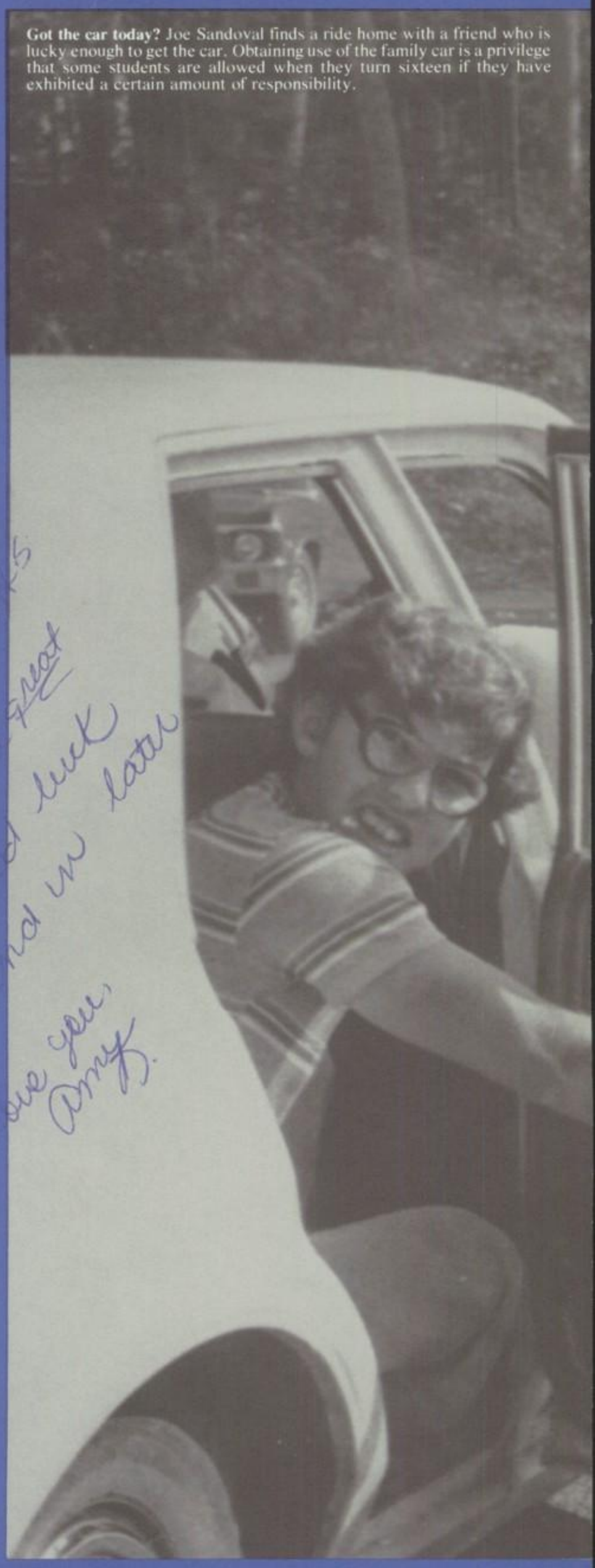
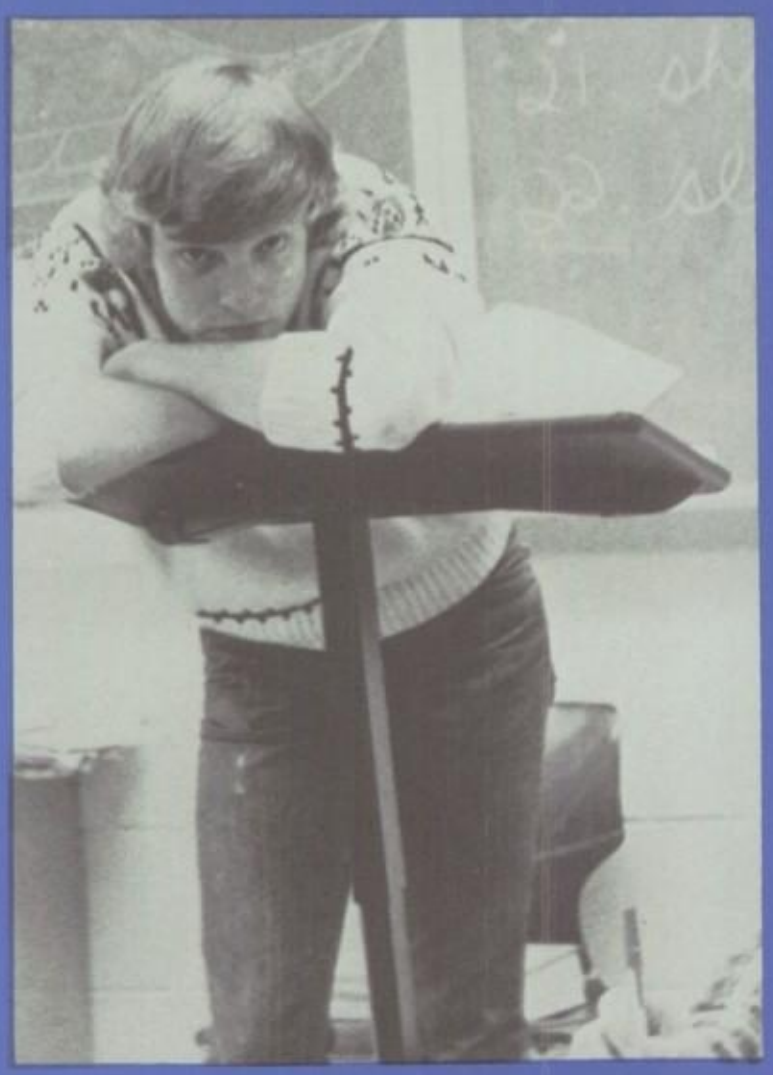


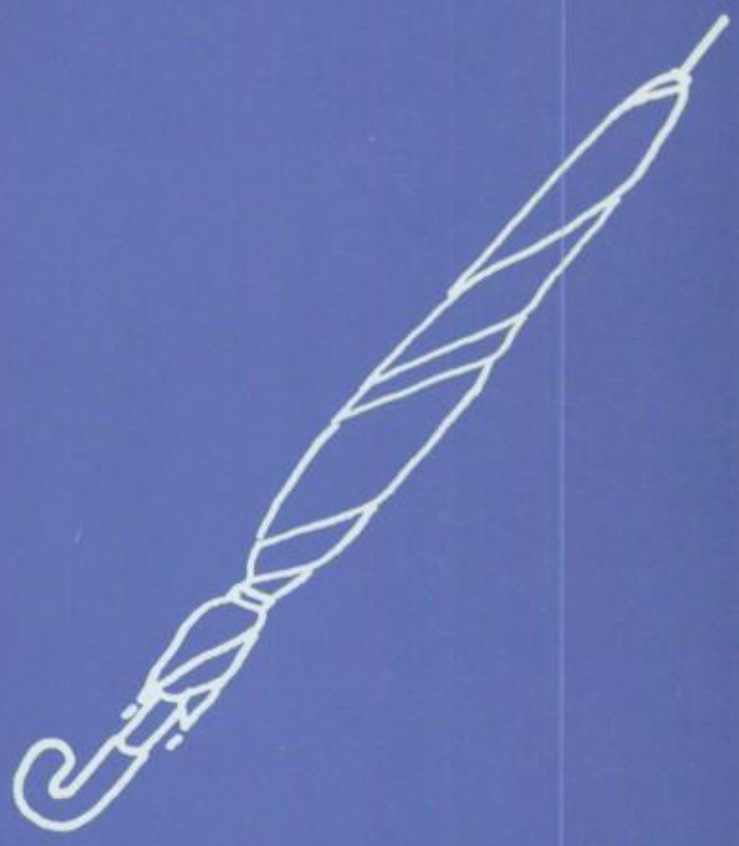
Got the car today? Joe Sandoval finds a ride home with a friend who is lucky enough to get the car. Obtaining use of the family car is a privilege that some students are allowed when they turn sixteen if they have exhibited a certain amount of responsibility.

Almost Over. Greg Pirkle, worn out by the day's activities, leans on the podium waiting for the last bell to ring, possibly thinking about what he will do when he gets home.



Happy Birthday! Doug Stewart's friends find an unusual way to help him celebrate his birthday — by throwing a whipped-cream pie in his face.

As everyone looked back on his past high school experiences, the index helped in locating those memories that served as a link with events that have helped mold each of us.



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Perfect setting. At a 1978 summer photography camp at Hemlock Haven, students are told to take pictures of intersting places. Our photographer finds this old house to be ideal.

Unprecedented Events Predominate

To people who avidly watched the news, 1978 greatly seemed like a disaster. Nationally, the United States had to deal with newspaper and postal strikes, a tragic California plane crash, and the horror of over 900 murders and suicides at Jonestown. President Carter was faced with the decision about the neutron bomb, the warhead that could effectively kill people but with less structural damage than the atomic bomb.

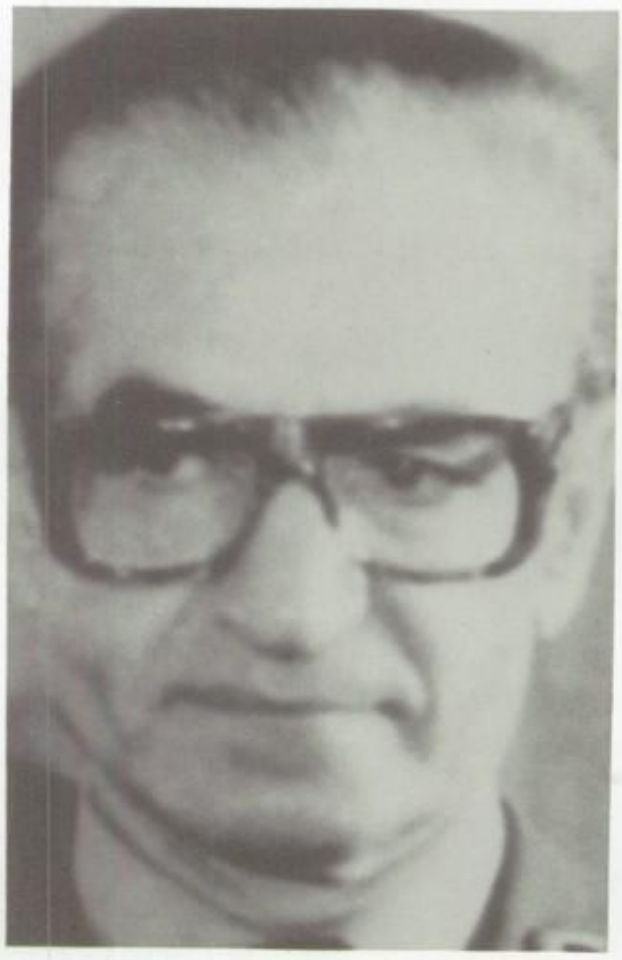
Inflation was a problem that concerned every American. Prices soared despite governmental efforts to the contrary, while pay checks frustratingly seemed to stay the same. Equally unsatisfactory tax rates led to a revolt among Californians. Led by Howard Jarvis, irate citizens supported Proposition 13 which cut their property taxes by 57%.

SALT talks between Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Russia's Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko started out optimistically but later bogged down for reasons as yet unknown. Similarly, the Mid-East peace deadline was not met and relations in that sensitive area continued to be strained.

Internationally, terrorism and rebellion prevailed. In Italy, the Red Brigade kidnapped and, two months later, assassinated former Premier Aldo Moro. The Italian government refused to negotiate with the terrorists on demands to release thirteen members of the Brigade from prison. Moro's body was found in the back of a stolen car.

In Africa, the black majority let itself be heard in violent protests against its white rulers. Iran's Shah was forced to leave his country due to bloody demonstrations which threatened his regime. Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua was faced with civil war when the Sandinista National Liberation Front attempted to overthrow his dictatorship.

Individuals the world over suffered the loss of such well-known people as Norman Rockwell, Margaret Mead, Golda Meir, Edgar Bergen, and Nelson Rockefeller. Virginians mourned the death of Richard Obenshain, the Republican senatorial candidate killed in a plane crash.



The end of a dynasty. Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi has been forced to leave Iran because of violence and demonstrations that have errupted against his policies. Prime Minister Shahpur Bakhtiar is left in charge of Iran; however, the people want exiled Ayatullah Khomeini to return and set up an Islamic form of government.

Would you like to fly? Max Anderson, Ben Abruzzo, and Larry Newman wave triumphantly from Paris after making history's first trans-Atlantic balloon crossing in the Double Eagle II. The balloon's path from its launching place, Presque Isle, Maine, to its landing site, Miserey, France, covers 3,100 miles.

A first. Born July 25, Louise Brown has become the world's first test-tube baby. The project has succeeded twice in England and once in India, making it a possible solution for couples thus far unable to have children.

Jonestown. During the week of November 20-26 the nation is horrified as it learns of the mass suicide-murder of 913 People's Temple Cult members in Jonestown, Guyana. Upon receiving reports of Americans being mistreated in Jonestown, Congressman Leo Ryan decides to visit the colony. As he tries to board the plane to leave, along with several cult members, all are shot at by gunmen who kill Ryan and four others. On the same night, the Rev. Jim Jones, leader of the cult, instructs members to drink a fruit juice laced with cyanide.

Tenative agreement reached. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, President Jimmy Carter, and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin shake hands during a White House announcement of the accord reached at the Camp David summit. President Carter acts as a mediator during the talks, trying to help Egypt and Israel settle their differences. The three leaders emerge at the end of the summit to sign two documents called "Frameworks for Peace." Soon after the talks in Washington the Nobel Peace Prize Committee announces that Sadat and Begin will be joint recipients of the award.

Republican senatorial candidate, Richard D. Obenshain dies in a plane crash on his way home from a campaign appearance. He is eulogized as "a political leader who put principle first."

Elephant Roast. Virginia representative, William Wampler, from the 9th congressional district, gives a speech at the Annual Republican Elephant Roast. Also in attendance are Republican senatorial candidate John Warner and his wife Elizabeth Taylor. Warner wins a close race against Democrat Andrew Miller for the U.S. Senate.

Success and Failure Make the News

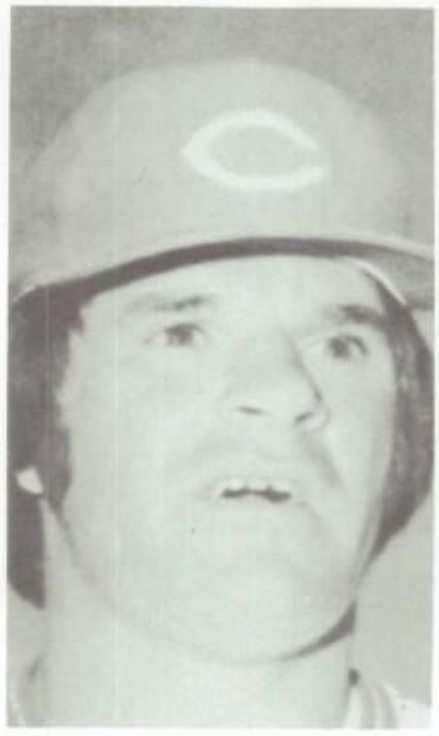
Plane Crash. On September 25, the worst plane crash in U.S. aviation history occurs in San Diego when Pacific Southwest Airlines flight 182 collides with a tiny Cessna, claiming 150 lives. The PSA 182 is pictured here immediately before the crash. One of the PSA crewmen's last comments is a very calm, "Ma, I love you."

Among the not-so-bad newsmakers were Allan Bakke and Myron Farber. Bakke challenged the quota system that kept him out of medical school and Farber went to jail in order to protect the confidentiality of a source.

For ERA supporters, the proposed amendment was granted an extension in order for the states to have more time to make a decision. The fact that the ERA had not yet passed did not hurt Kansas' Nancy Kassebaum as she became the only female senator as a result of the November elections.

Foreign affairs were not all dismal. China resumed contact with the outside world, creating opportunities for trade, business expansion, and tourism. Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-p'ing was primarily responsible for this new step toward modernization thus gaining for himself the honor of being named **Time's** Man-of-the-Year.

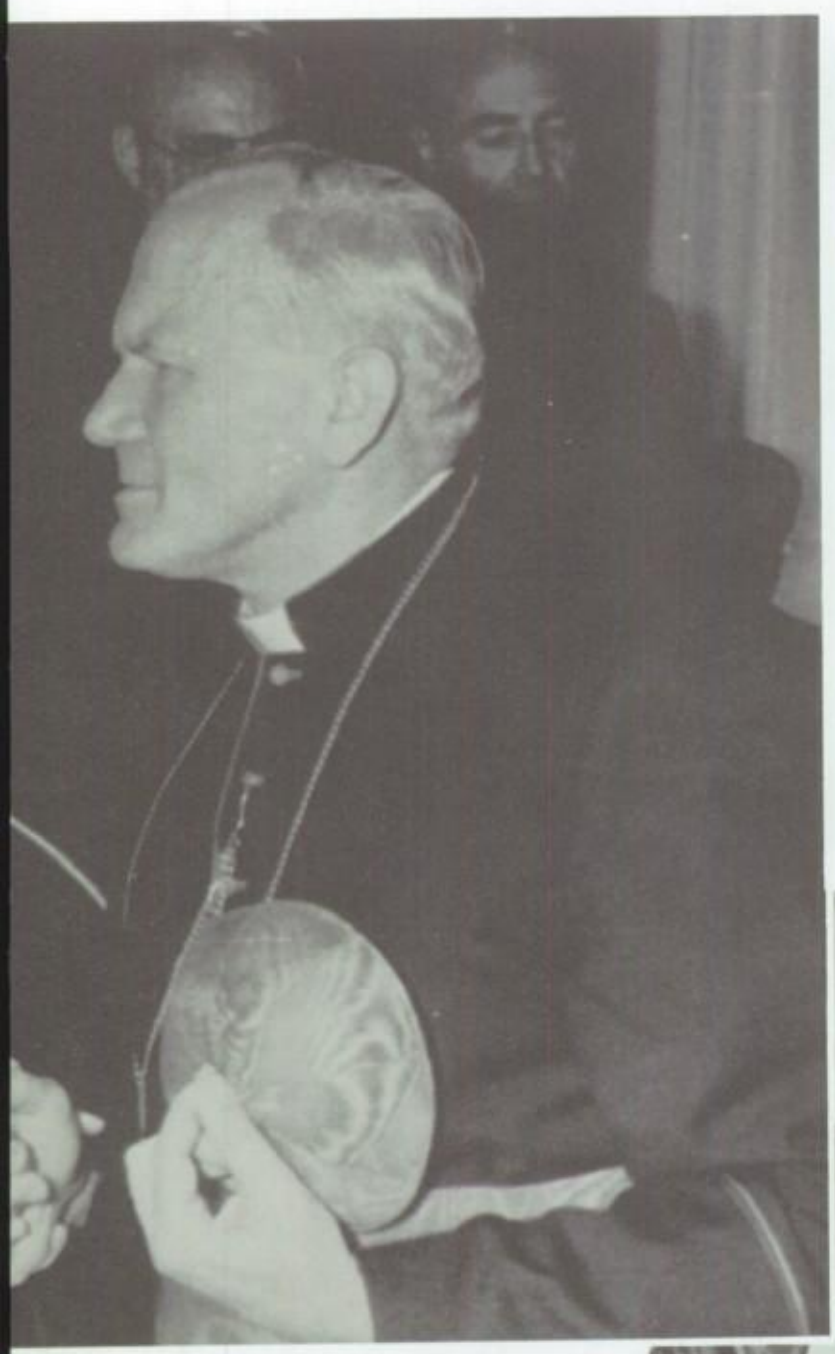
Nobel Prizes in honor of advancements in medicine and peace offered encouragement to people capable of contributing their knowledge to these areas. Winning the prize for medicine were Werner Arber of Switzerland and Drs. Hamilton Smith and Daniel Nathans of the United States for their research in the areas of genetics. The prize for peace went to Egypt's Anwar Sadat and Israel's Manachem Begin for their attempts to bring peace to the Middle East.



Pete Rose, with impressive hitting feats, has signed a record $3.5 million contract with Philadelphia.

The two Popes meet. The late Pope John Paul I greets Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, who is elected as the Pontiff after the death of John Paul I, following his 33-day reign as Pope. All over the world John Paul I is known as "the smiling pope," and he has brought warmth and hope to the Church. Looking for a Pope who has the same qualities as John Paul, the conclave finally decides on Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, the first non-Italian Pope in 450 years. The Polish Cardinal has taken the name John Paul II.

A perfect team. Steve Cauthen and Affirmed, after winning the Preakness, the Kentucky Derby, and the Belmont Stakes, can boast of being the eleventh winners of the Triple Crown. With $1,133,807 to his credit, Affirmed is "the youngest millionaire in history."

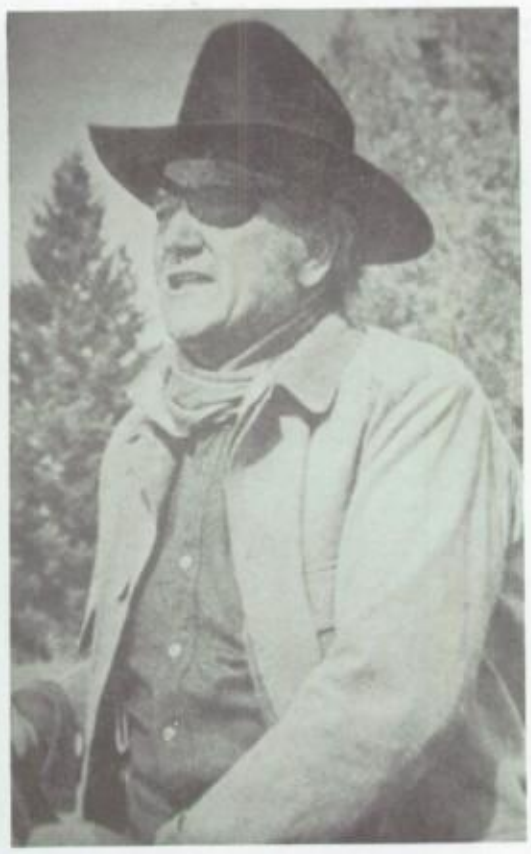


John Travolta became a superstar with his two hits, **Saturday Night Fever** and **Grease.**

A showdown between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Yankees provided an exciting World Series with the Yankees coming out on top. In January, the Super Bowl, won by the Pittsburg Steelers, was almost missed in Blacksburg when an ice storm caused power outages.

The year 1978 was also a year of rejuvenation. **Life** magazine made a come back with its beautiful emphasis on pictures. Ballet in America took a long-awaited leap forward with its success largely based on the talents of such performers as Mikhail Baryshnikov and Gelsey Kirkland.

Though 1978 was not perfect, President Carter, in his State of the Union Address, declared that America was sound and asked everyone to help him build a new foundation — "a better foundation — for our country and our world."



True Grit. After recovering from open heart surgery last May, John Wayne is again hospitalized in January for a two hour gall bladder operation which lasts over nine hours due to complications. This "marathon surgery" becomes necessary because of a malignant tumor that is discovered in the actor's stomach. As the surgery is continued into the late afternoon, the UCLA Medical Center where Wayne is staying, is deluged with flowers and calls from well-wishers including Queen Elizabeth and Senator John Warner and his wife Elizabeth Taylor. Ranked the movie's number one all-time draw, Wayne's 200 films are estimated to have grossed $700 million. John Wayne is best known for his roles in such films as **Stagecoach, Red River, The Alamo, The Quiet Man,** and **True Grit** in which he wins the academy award for his portrayal of an aging lawman, Rooster Cogburn (pictured here). During the surgery Wayne's stomach is removed and later tests show that the cancer has spread to his lymph nodes. John Wayne continues his struggle with cancer, having lost a lung to the dread disease fifteen years earlier.

People Without a Country. These Vietnamese refugees, having escaped from Vietnam and Communist rule, are aboard the freighter **Hai Hong,** off the coast of Malaysia at Port Klang. Finally, after the refugees have waited on board the vessel for a month, and France, Canada, and the U.S. have agreed to help resettle all aboard, Malaysia sends food, water, and medicine to the freighter. Malaysia argues that the Vietnamese are not true refugees because they supposedly bought their way out of Vietnam.

Man With a Vision. Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-p'ing of the People's Republic of China is the primary instigator of China's impressive plan to modernize; this plan is called the Four Modernizations. The Modernizations include improvements in agriculture, industry, science and technology, and defense. Following Mao Tse-tung's cultural revolution the Chinese are anxious to catch up with the more advanced countries of the world. In the wake of China's plan for modernization, President Carter has announced that the U.S. will grant diplomatic relations to the People's Republic of China and sever relations with Taiwan. Vice Premier Teng plans to visit the U.S. at the end of January. Many congressmen are angered because Carter puts an end to the military treaty with Taiwan without congressional approval and some conservatives have threatened to take the policy to court.

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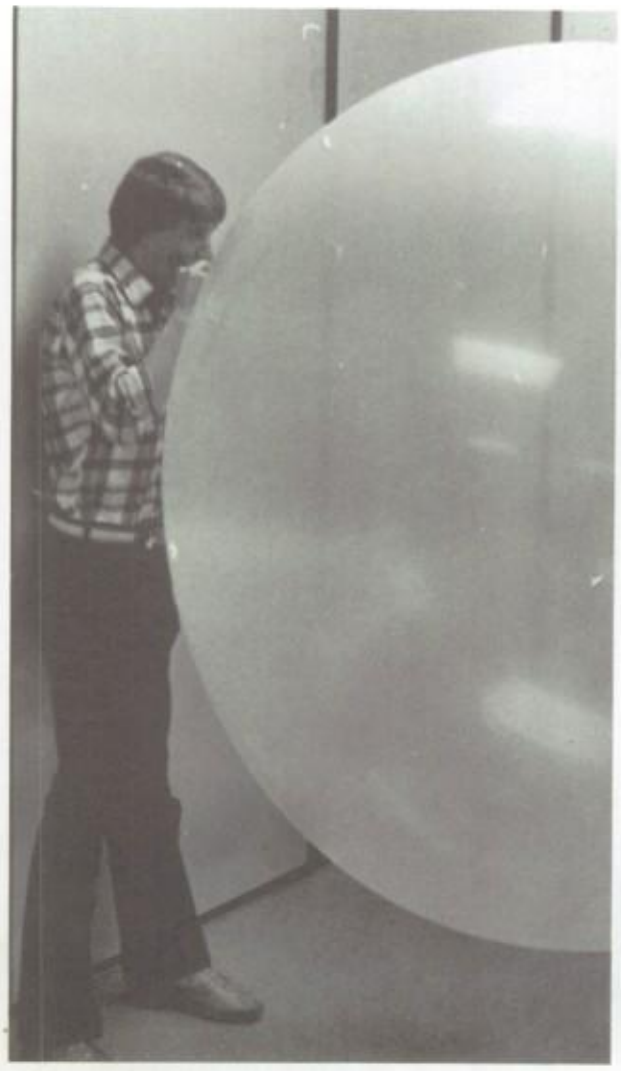
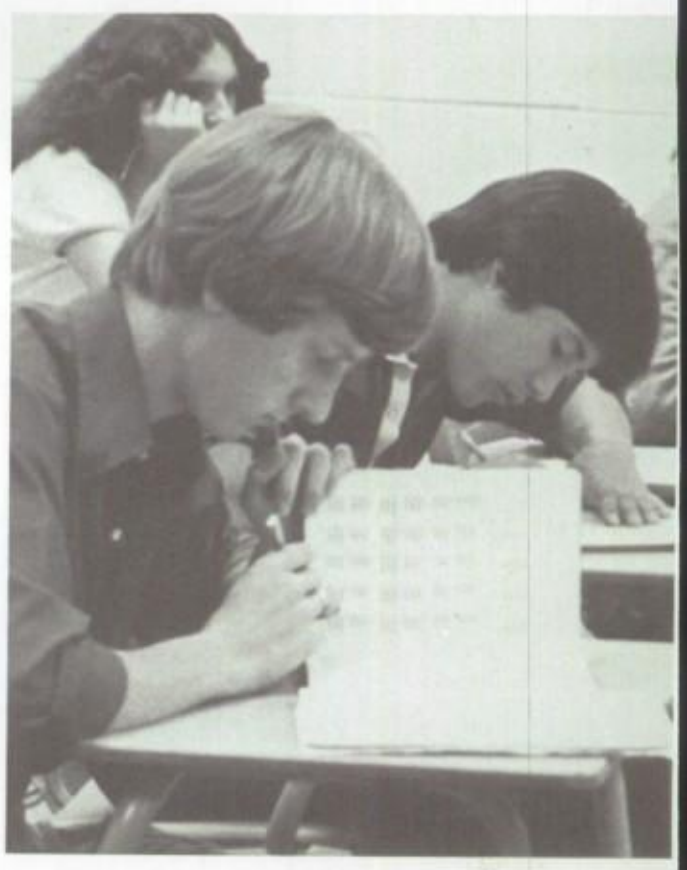


How many packages of Bubble Yum? Actually it's not bubble gum. Greg Pirkle is pretending to blow up a weather balloon in the chemistry lab.

Missed! Mrs. Sumner breathes a sigh of relief as Ken Inger throws a pie at her and misses. This assembly is sponsored by the Key Club.

Duck Haven. The Duck Pond on the VPI&SU campus serves as a sanctuary for migrating ducks. High school students enjoy skating on the pond during the winter months.

Translators. Pam Viers, Chris Marin, and Jon Gotow concentrate on translating a portion of Julius Caesar's **Commentaries on the Gallic War.**



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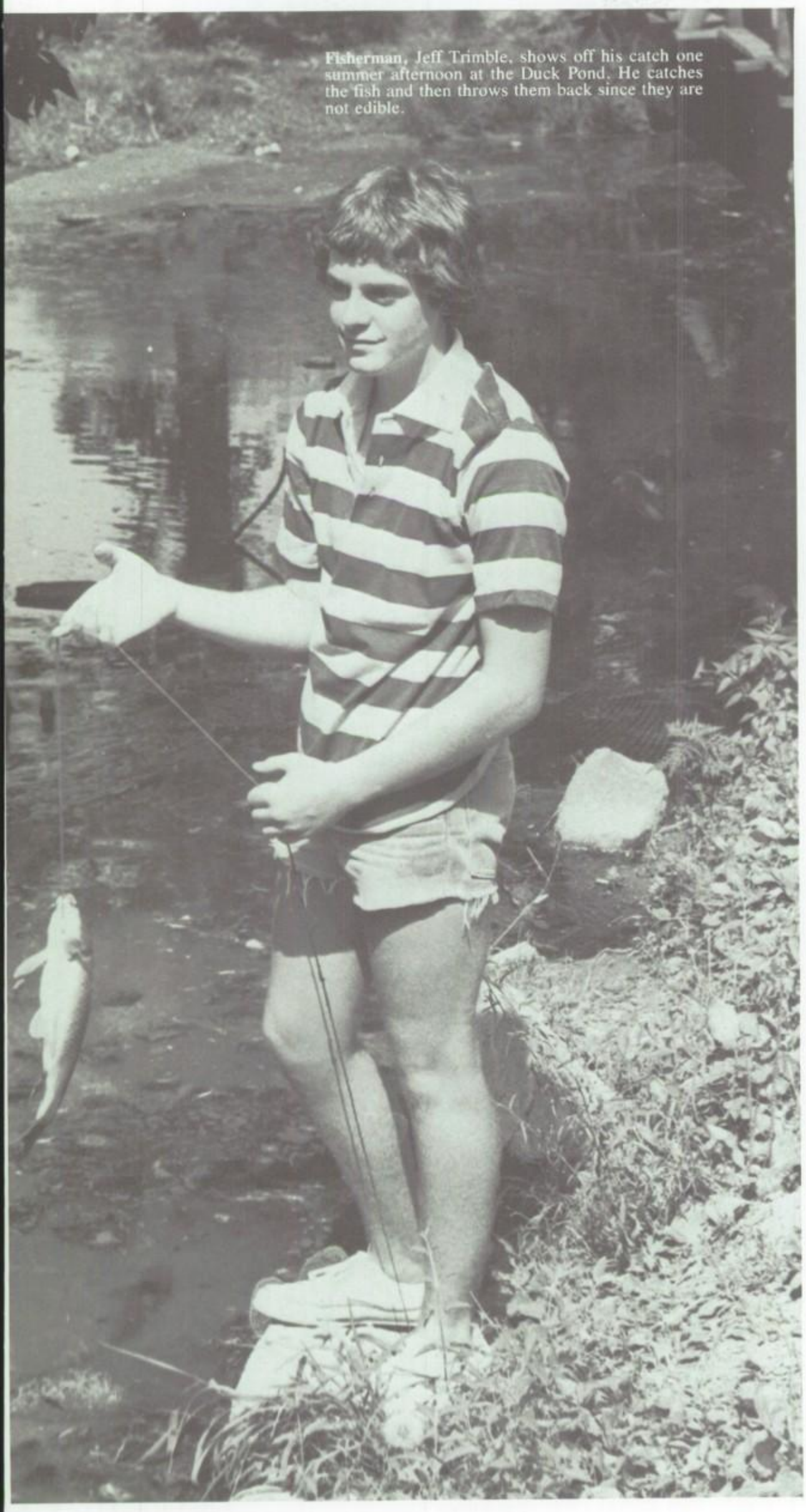


Fisherman, Jeff Trimble, shows off his catch one summer afternoon at the Duck Pond. He catches the fish and then throws them back since they are not edible.

Growing Up

The sand is warm
The water is cool and soft, all is calm
Taking a few faltering steps I venture
further down the beach.
Now shells appear upon the ground.
Pink
yellow
white
Colors, milestones of the road ahead.
Gaining confidence I walk to the edge,
where the water meets the land,
I stand and feel the ground, strong, firm,
secure under my feet.
And I watch the waves bravely.

Now my feet grow hot and impatient
I walk out into the ocean
I am ready to leave the mother earth and
greet my sister the sea
she beckons and I come triumphantly.
I have conquered all and now
I join my sister
side by side we walk,
Hand in hand we go.

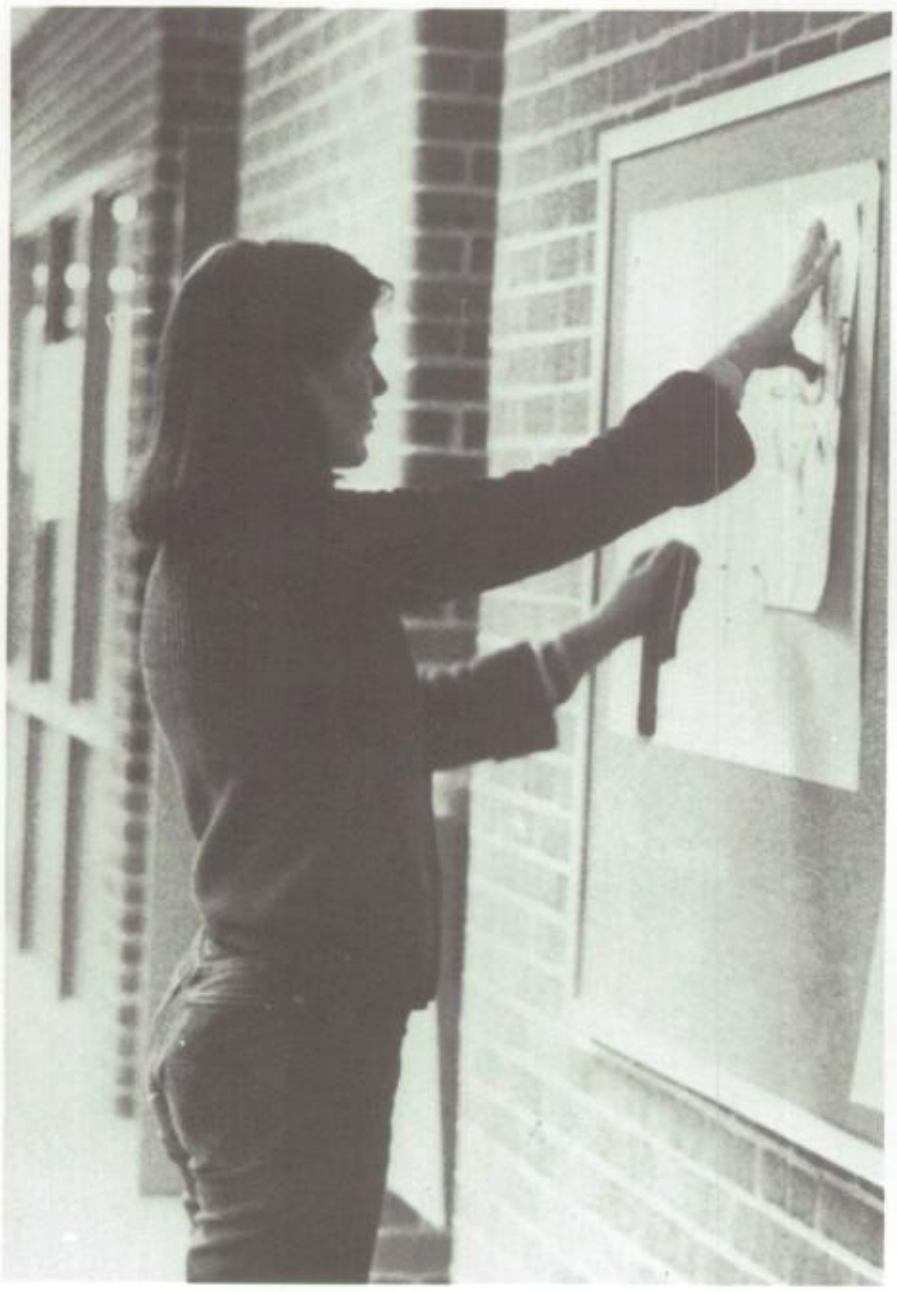
But now the sun is gone and I look back
towards the earth
but it is lost in the darkness of the night for
the day is past and yesterday is over.
No longer am I so sure, my legs feel weak
and my sister is far away.
I can see her in the distance and I can hear
her call but my legs refuse to move.
The wind blows past and I can hear the
lullabies it carries from the earth.
I reach out to hold the wind but it's no
longer there.

Desolate, alone, how alone I am. the
darkness moves in, the waves grow,
and I am caught in the tempest not
knowing which way to turn.
At times the sea grows calm and in the lull I
catch a glimpse of my sister and I
smile at her.
But she shuts her door.
So I turn to my mother but she is gone
and once again I stand alone and think.
Yesterday is over
and tomorrow hasn't come.

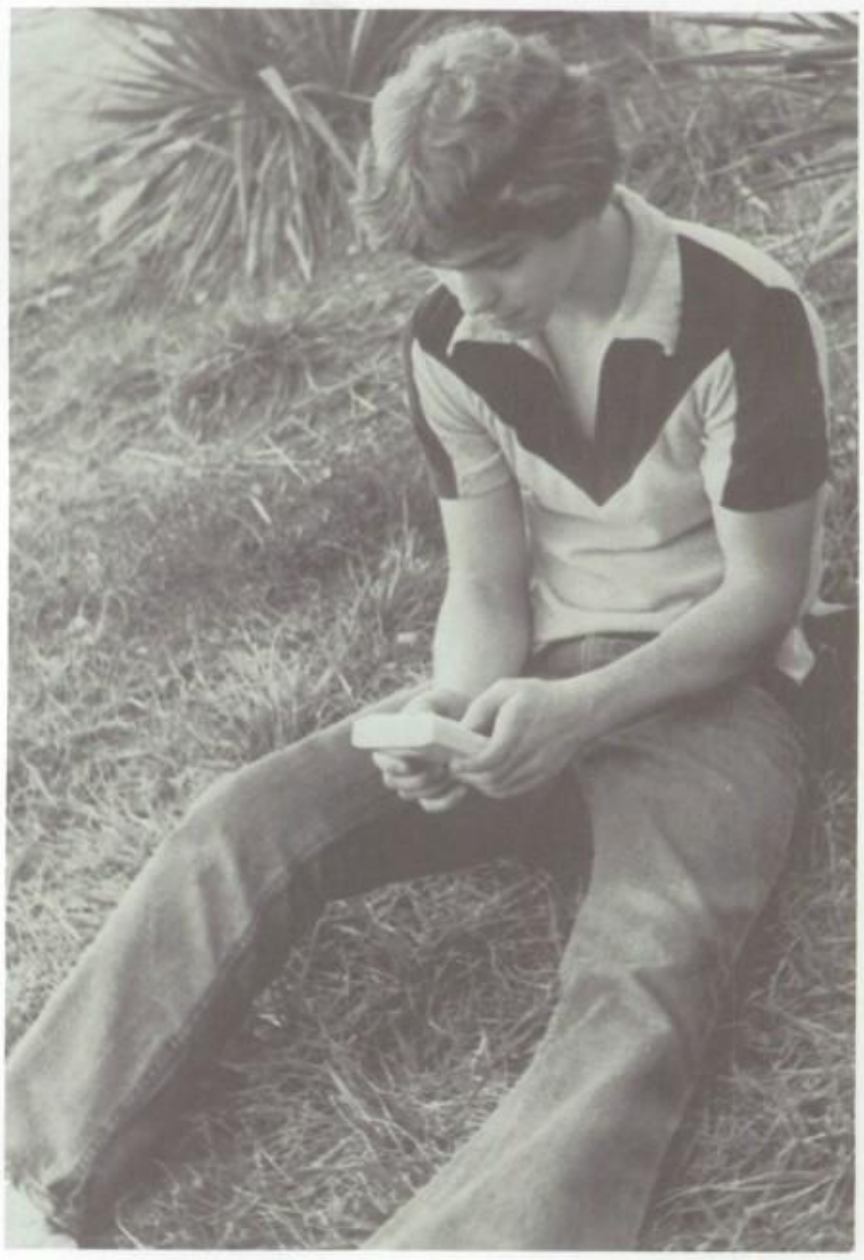
Jenny Merkel

Clear Skies Over BHS

The art of ballet. Karen Gilbert performs a graceful arabesque in the spring recital of the students of Marjorie Kovich in Norman, Oklahoma.

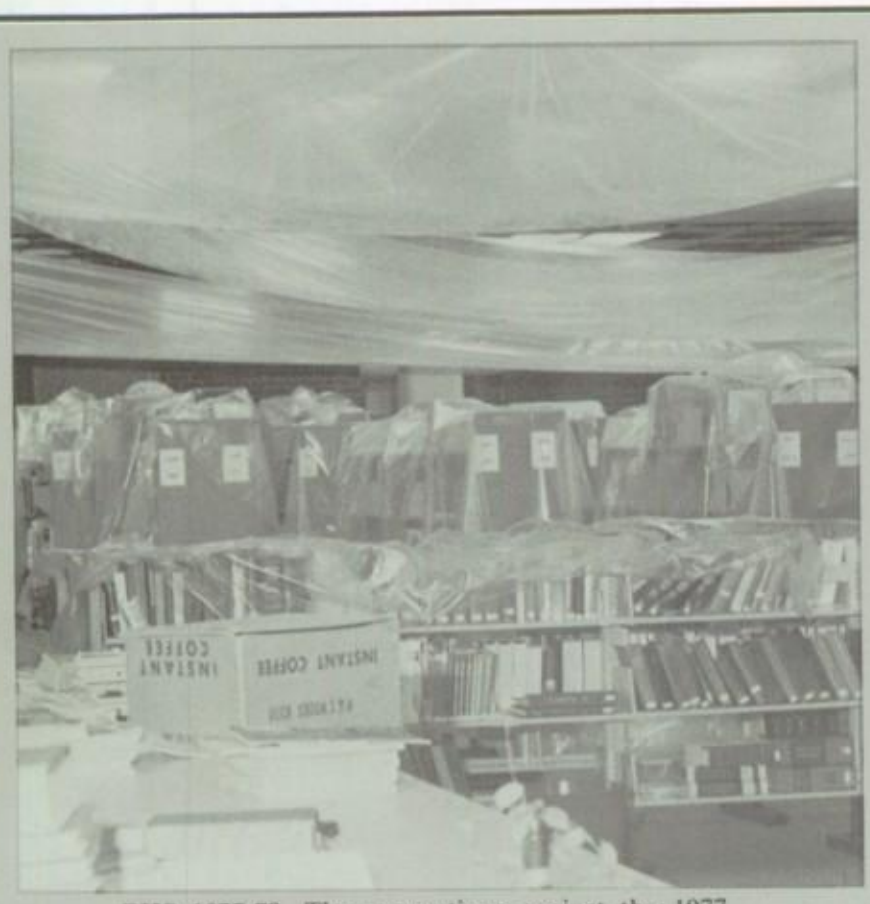


A decorative touch. Art Club officer Vicky Griffin uses pictures drawn by art students to brighten the bulletin boards in the school's hallways.



Football solitaire. Sophomore Allan Wolf challenges himself to a game of computerized football, one of the many fads popular at BHS.

Making ready. Rita Johnston, an FBLA member, prepares drawings for the annual Sadie Hawkins Dance.



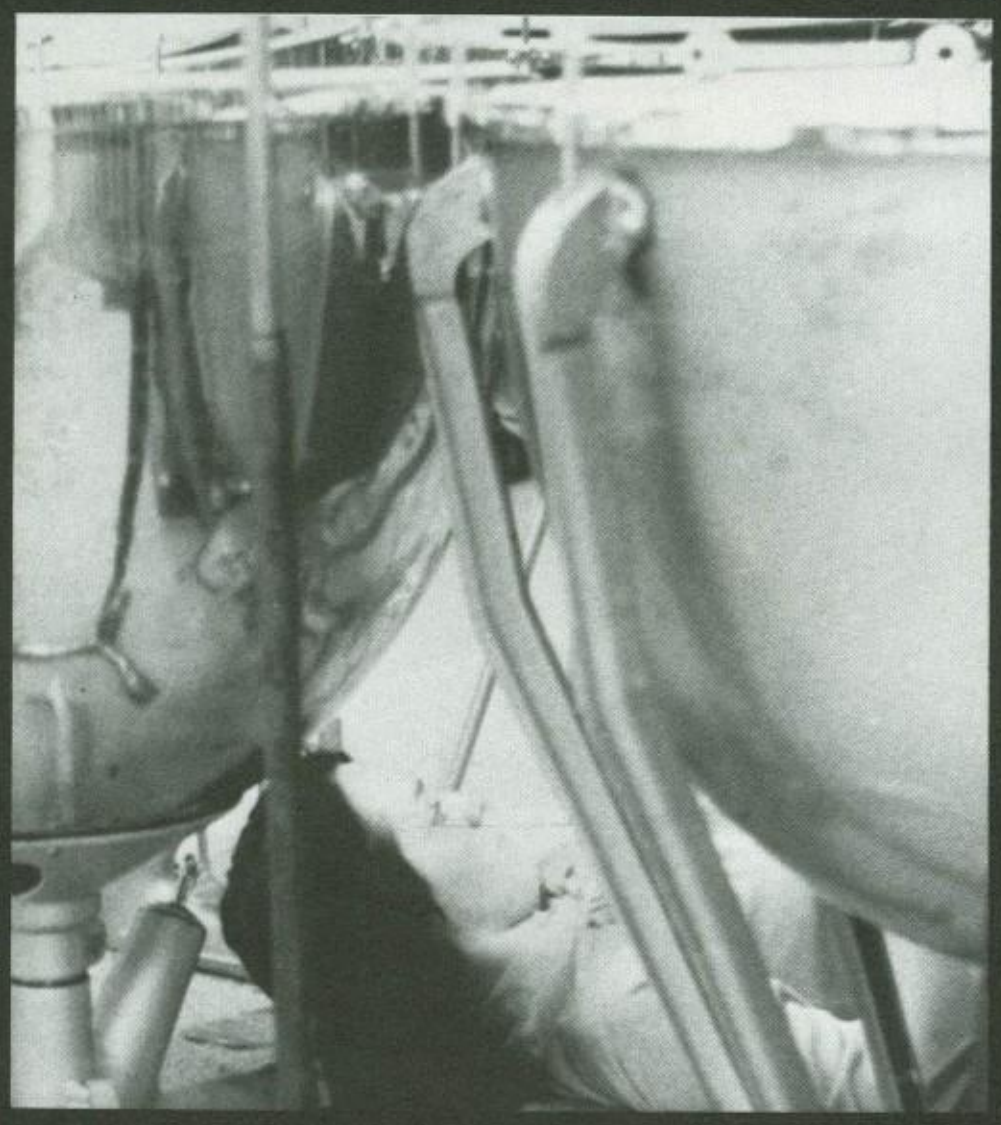
BHS 1977-78. The precautions against the 1977 flood are effectively illustrated in the library which is back to normal this year.

"Life without umbrellas" — a rather curious expression. In a sense it could apply to everyone in the world, but for the students, teachers, and staff of BHS it had a special meaning.

Less than midway through the 1977-78 school year the roof collapsed, disrupting almost an entire year's work. Moving classes to places not conducive to studying retarded the learning process. Teachers were forced to sacrifice lesson plans, such as science labs, and students found it difficult to concentrate in a new environment.

This year, however, the roof was once again able to protect the school and its occupants. Trash cans were no longer used primarily to catch water, and plastic covers were removed from the library. For the first time in a year "BHSers" could live, at least in school, without umbrellas.

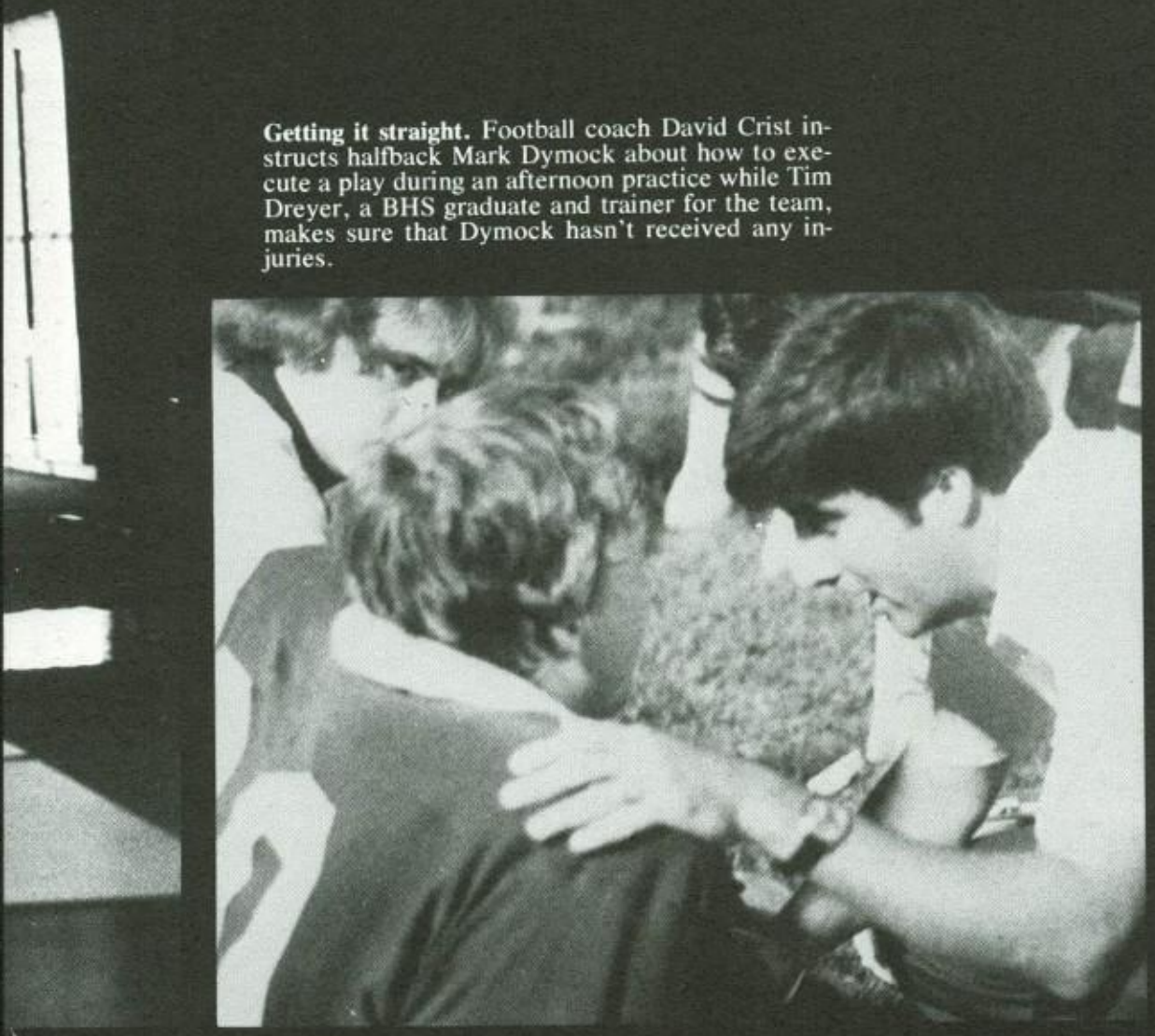
Facing Uncertainties of the Future



Warrior Band player Christa Arnold reclines under her drums during band practice, waiting for her turn to play.

End of another day. Janitors make a final check before being the last to leave the building. Janitors often stay late in order to clean up the school for the next day.

Getting it straight. Football coach David Crist instructs halfback Mark Dymock about how to execute a play during an afternoon practice while Tim Dreyer, a BHS graduate and trainer for the team, makes sure that Dymock hasn't received any injuries.



Independence — everyone gained some regardless of how limited one still considered oneself.

With the long walk down the aisle and the "good luck" handshake, the seniors, some soon to be freshmen again, began to realize that these past four years had been **the** big step. From this point on their future was more dependent upon their own decisions than ever before.

But the seniors were not the only group involved in expanding their outlooks and increasing their self-reliance. Each class from freshman on demonstrated its ability to perform the tasks alotted to it. As the year came to a close, all students shifted their attentions to the summer and the next school session, both almost total mysteries filled with new opportunities to grow as a person.

All of the high school years will have presented a variety of challenges that will have helped to mold the sheltered child into a competent adult. A lot of learning has to be pushed into those four short years — not just academic but also common sense to assure each student a productive future.

And what of the future? The learning process never will have stopped; so, really, can the striving for total independence? Even after the schooling will have finished, one's life will have continued to be regulated by jobs, families, and the like. Bearing this thought, one must look ahead and wonder . . .

Here's pie in your face. Doug Wesley sells tickets for the first annual pie-eating contest to Eddie Bowyer and other students. The Key Club sponsors this event to raise money for needy individuals.

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Kenneth,
You have sat behind me with your feet on the bottom of my chair all year and believe me, I have thoroughly enjoyed it! It gives me such a thrill, you have really put up with us three clowns all year very well and as far as I know you haven't gone and gossiped about how queer we are all the time so thank you, you sweet thing!!
I love ya!
Barbara Skutt.

Ken,
It's amusing that we made it all the way. Our crowd knows how to stick-it-out, and burn it up. Lets hope we both keep-it-up too. See this summer, your friend & classmate,
Dan Murphy